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WM. B. COMPTON,
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Business in the hands of the late firm will be attended to as usual by the surviving partner. [sc9-1

JOHN T. HARRIS. GRANVILLE EASTHAM.
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DR R. S. SWITZER,
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DENTISTS. ☞Office near Episcopal Church. Teeth will be extracted at the houses of patients when desired. Dr. Frank L. Harris will visit New Market and Mt. Jackson each month, commencing on the fourth Monday at New Market, where he will remain three days, and will spend the other three days at Mt. Jackson. [may 3 1877

DRS. WM. WILLIAMS & J. H. NEFF
HAVE THIS DAY (Dec. 1, 1875,) ENTERED INTO A co-partnership for the PRACTICE OF MEDICINE. Dr. Williams, when not professionally engaged, can be found at his old office over Jas. L. Avis' Drug Store, and Dr. Neff at his office over L. H. Ott's Drug Store. Calls left at either place will be promptly attended to. dec9-tf

DR. D. A. BUCHER,
SURGEON DENTIST, would respectfully inform the public that, having located permanently at Bridgewater, he is prepared to fill, extract and insert teeth, and perform all other operations in his line.
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VIRGINIA TO WIT:—In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, on the 2nd day of June, A. D., 1877.

The Mt. Vernon Iron Works, a corporation under the laws of Virginia, ... Complainant.
vs.
C. D. Gray, Executor of Elizabeth Williams and in his own right, Harry McCoy and Elizabeth P., his wife, Emily Gray, John W. Gray and F. A. Daingerfield, Defendants.

IN CHANCERY ON ATTACHMENT.

The object of this suit is to recover the sum of $717,-63, with interest thereon from the 30th day of November, 1876, till paid, due the Plaintiff from the Defendants, and to attach the estate or debts due or belonging to the non-resident defendants.

And affidavit being made that the Defendants Harry McCoy and Elizabeth P., his wife, Emily Gray and John W. Gray, are non-residents of the State of Virginia,

It is ordered that they do appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and answer the Plaintiffs' bill, or do what is necessary to protect their respective interests, and that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Old Commonwealth, a newspaper published in Harrisonburg, Va., and another copy thereof posted at the front door of the Court-House of this county on the first day of the next term of the County Court of said county. Teste:

J. H. SHUE, C. C. C. R. C.
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Paul p. q.

GO and SEE the new Spring Millinery, at Miss D. E. PINKUS', near Masonic Hall, Main street.

From Speaker's Garland.

SOCRATES SNOOKS.

Mister Socrates Snooks, a lord of creation,
The second time entered the married relation;
Xantippe Caloric accepted his hand,
And they thought him the happiest man in the land.
But scarce had the honeymoon passed o'er his head,
When, one morning, to Xantippe, Socrates said:
"I think, for a man of my standing in life,
This house is too small as I now have a wife;
So, as early as possible, carpenter Carey
Shall be sent for to widen my house and my dairy."
"Now, Socrates, dearest," Xantippe replied,
"I hate to hear everything vulgarly *my'd;*
Now, whenever you speak of your chattels again,
Say *our* cow house, *our* barn yard, *our* pig pen."
"By your leave, Mrs. Snooks, I will say what I please
Of *my* houses, *my* lands, *my* gardens, *my* trees."
"Say *our,*" Xantippe exclaimed, in a rage.
"I won't Mrs. Snooks, though you ask it an age."

Oh, woman! though only a part of man's rib,
If the story in Genesis don't tell a fib,
Should your naughty companion e'er quarrel with you
You are certain to prove the best man of the two.
In the following case this was certainly true,
For the lovely Xantippe just pulled off her shoe,
And laying about her, all sides at random,
The adage was verified—"Nil disperandum."

Mr. Socrates Snooks, after trying in vain
To ward off the blows which descended like rain—
Concluded that valor's best part was discretion—
Crept under the bed like a terrified Hessian;
But the dauntless Xantippe, not one whit afraid,
Converted the siege into a blockade.

At last, after reasoning the thing in his pate,
He concluded 'twas useless to strive against fate;
And so, like a tortoise protruding his head,
Said: "My dear may we come out from under *our* bed?"
"Hah! hah!" she exclaimed, "Mr. Socrates Snooke,
I perceive you agree to my terms by your looks;
Now, Socrates—hear me—from this happy hour,
If you'll only obey me, I'll never look sour."
'Tis said the next Sabbath, ere going to church,
He chanced for a clean pair of trowsers to search;
Having found them, he asked, with a few nervous twitches
"My dear, may we put on our new Sunday breeches?"

A MYSTERY OF THE SEA.

A tropical night on the Pacific. The sky is studded with stars, which are mirrored in the vast deep beneath.—There is just enough air to keep the Dolphin moving at a quiet rate, and the passengers are gathered on deck to enjoy the matchless evening.

A short distance away stand two lovers—Edmund Prescott and Florence Harriss, looking out upon the ocean, and meditating and conversing upon the scene.

"How different this sky from our northern firmness!" remarked the latter, after a pause. "I can hardly recognise my favorite constellation. The Southern Cross is beautiful, but then I miss the others. Ursa Major has entirely disappeared, and as for the Minor Bear, scarce a star of him is visible."

At this observation, which was intended for no particular ears, Adolphus Fitzgibbon aroused himself.

"Aw—what's that, Miss Harris? Aw—have you seen bears at sea?"

"Yes, and monkeys, too," was the quick but good-natured reply.

All of us laughed, while Fitzgibbon looked very silly, then grinned hugely, then seemed to meditate some scathing witticism, then concluded he would not, and stretched out upon his side with his back towards the lovers, and pretending to, or really did, fall fast asleep within the next fifteen minutes.

I was reclining on the deck, about a dozen feet from where the lovers stood—not with any intention of listening to their words, but simply because I had taken my position first, and was too languid to change it. I had been an invalid for years, and was now recovering from a very severe spell of sickness.

I was lazily drawing at my Havana, puffing the thin fragrant smoke from my mouth without removing the cigar, and gazing upward at the brilliant stars as they slowly sailed overhead. I was in that delicious dreamy state, half asleep and half awake, hearing only the murmur of the voices around me as one hears the faint sound of a distant waterfall.

I presume I had lain thus for nearly an hour, and my cigar had burned almost to my mouth, while the long column of askes was still unbroken, when something struck my ear like the sound of a bell. It was not until I had heard it several times, that it seemed really to affect my senses.

All at once I gave a start, the ashes dropped upon my bosom, and I arose to a sitting position, and gazed around me.

"Hark!" said I; didn't you hear that bell?"

"Just what I have been trying to make Edmund believe!" laughed Florence Harris; he persisted in not believing it.'

"Listen!" said I, raising my hand.

And immediately there fell a death-like silence.

And while thus intently listening, there came across the sea, faint but distinct, the soft, distant sound of a bell. We scarcely breathed for a minute, and the strange, solemn sound was repeated at regular intervals, as if swung by the hand of some exhausted sufferer, or tolled by the swell of the ocean.

The Captain, by this time, had approached and stood in the attitude of attention.

"We must be near the land?" I ventured to say, rather in the form of inquiry than that of an assertion.

"No, sir," responded the Captain; "the nearest island is a good eight hundred miles away, and this doesn't come from there, I should think."

"What can it be?" asked several, in the same breath.

"The sound comes from that direction," said Florence Harris, pointing towards the equator.

"Perhaps it is on board a ship?" I again ventured.

"Don't think it is," replied the Captain with a shake of the head.

"What can it be?" asked Florence Harris.

To this no one ventured to reply for several moments. In the meantime, the tolling of the bell had become quite distinct, and Adolphus Fitzgibbon gave a yawn, a groan, a kick, and awoke.

"Aw—ye—aw—I was about to suggest—aw—that the tea-bell should ring—aw—aw—aw!" he stammered, confusedly rising to his feet, and pitching back and forth. Then, seeing us all in the attitude of attention, he asked,—"What—wa—the dooce is the matter?"

"It's the bell of doom!" exclaimed Backstay Bob, a tall, scarred sailor, from his position at the wheel.

"Pshaw! you're too childish," replied the captain. "Whatever it is, we are rapidly approaching it, for notice how much louder it sounds."

Such was the case. The bell was now heard distinctly to the south, and was approaching nearer every moment. Shortly after, the captain took his night-glass, and gazed long and intently in that direction. When he lowered it he said:

"I can just discover a dark body rising and falling on the waves, but nothing more. Backstay Bob, you have got the best eyesight of any one on board, see what you can make out of it."

Bob resigned his place at the wheel to one of the men, and came forward and took the glass. He held it to his eye for several minutes without speaking, and to all appearance without even breathing, while we awaited his word with the deepest interest. Finally he gave a great sigh, and lowered it.

"Blow me if it ain't Davy Jones afloat!"

"How does it look?" several of us inquired in the same breath.

"I'll be hanged if I can tell! There's no bow-sprit, and—"

Here he levelled his glass again, and shortly after continued his observations.

"There's no sail—no nothin'."

"There must be something."

"Aw—certainly—aw—something—aw—if your vision—aw—is able to discern it," ventured the gentle Adolphus Fitzgibbon.

"Don't you see anything like a sail?" inquired the Captain.

"Not a speck, nor any place to put one, either. Hold a minute," exclaimed Backstay Bob, "I've got her in range now. She ain't got the least mite of a boom, yard, or anything like. She looks like some great hulk of a light-boat. Hold on again; I see the bell. They've rigged it up at the mast-head, so that it swings back'ards and for'ards every time the thing gives a lurch to leewards."

"Can you see anything on board?" was asked.

"Not a creetur, living or dead," he replied.

"Keep her away a couple of points," cried the Captain to the man at the wheel.

"Ay, ay, sir!"

And the ship's course was altered, so as to bring her rapidly near the mysterious craft, towards which all eyes were directed.

Several of the company now openly remarked that there was something supernatural in the appearance of this boat, with its tolling bell. To all of these Florence Harris and her lover replied lightly, neither of them having the least faith in their credulity.

The Captain listened impatiently, and then said:

"You are all a set of cowards. No doubt you imagine Old Nick is on board with a crew of little imps, bound for the Gallapagos Isles with a load of brimstone. If you'll content yourselves for half an hour longer, I'll tell you something about it, for I intend to board that lumbering old hulk, even if it turns out to be the Flying Dutchman or Davy Jones' flag-ship, and shall explore it from stem to stern."

To show that he meant what he said orders were given to heave to, and to get one of the boats in readiness. By this time the nondescript was plainly visible to all. It appeared to be an old hulk, with a single mast in the centre. The bell was suspended from the mast-head, and ever and anon sent forth its solemn tolling, as the bulk rose and sank with the heavings of the sea.

Before the ship was brought to, we had passed the hulk some distance, so that when we halted there was several hundred yards intervening, and it was only dimly discernible.

A boat was lowered; and the Captain having selected a crew, pulled away towards the hulk. I asked permission to accompany it, but, on account of a recent illness, was refused. Fortunate, indeed, for me was that refusal.

There was something so extraordinary regarding the appearance and action of the hulk, that the curiosity of us all was so intense as to be painful. We strained our gaze, as the Captain and the crew drew rapidly near it.

We saw the distance swiftly decrease between the two boats, until the shadowy forms merged into one. And then followed an impressive silence—suddenly broken by a howl, a pistol shot, and a scream; and as our hearts almost stopped beating, we saw a moment later the boat put off from the hulk, and the men rowing with all their might back to the ship. As they came nearer, we discerned that the Captain was missing.

Backstay Bob dashed towards the boat, and shaking his fist at the men, demanded furiously, "You cowardly dogs! Where is Captain Luster?"

"The devil has got him!"

Absurd as the reply might have seemed at any other time, it was uttered in solemn earnest, as the ghastly faces of the crew attested. In reply to our eager questions, they said the moment they came alongside the craft they heard a low, hollow, unearthly sound, which caused them to hesitate. The Captain climbed up the side of the vessel, descended the hatchway, and disappeared from view. He was hardly out of sight when the noise they had heard at first was repeated, far louder and fiercer. The next moment the report of the Captain's pistol was heard, followed by a terrific shriek, and then all was still!

Horror-struck, they called loudly and repeatedly to their commander, but receiving no answer, pulled away from the ship.

"You're a purty set of cowardly sneaks, ain't you, to go and desert your Captain that way, when, like enough, he needed you to save his life," exclaimed Backstay Bob, forgetting in his fury that the first mate was among those whom he denounced. "I'm going back to that old hulk; and if I can't get at the devil in any other way, I'll put a keg of powder in it and blow it to blazes!"

"Bob is right, if his excitement does not make him forget his manners," said the mate. "It was not my intention to desert Captain Luster in trouble. The men were so frightened that I thought it best to come back and get a new set."

There was some trouble in procuring the requisite number; and accordingly Prescott and myself were accepted. As the former went over the ship's side, Florence Harris said, "Don't you come back, Edmund, until you have heard what has become of poor Captain Luster."

He gave her his promise; and a few minutes later the boat shoved off, and we rapidly neared the hulk, which had acquired such a strange interest to us all.

Prescott, in addition to his revolver, had a small Italian dagger, which I observed him handle, as if to assure himself that it was reliable. Then, as he replaced it, he remarked to me,—"There's no telling what's inside that mass of lumber; and this may be the weapon I need, after all."

Arriving at the craft, after a short consultation, it was agreed that the four oarsman, the mate, and myself, should remain behind, while Backstay Bob and Edmund Prescott should explore the hulk. As it was morally certain that some dreadful danger menaced all who entered the cabin, and as I was good for nothing, I needed no more urging than the mate to remain in my position.

Prescott went first, holding his pistol in one hand and a lantern in the other, while Bob closely followed with his cutlass. We saw them descend the hatchway; all was still, and then I heard the single exclamation from Prescott, "Oh, my God!"

This was followed by a terrible roar, a quick succession of pistol shots, a fierce struggle, and then all was still again. The next moment both Prescott and Backstay Bob emerged to view covered from head to foot with blood.

"Come aboard," said they, "the danger is over."

The next instant we were on deck. I rushed to the hole, and gazed down. Merciful Heaven! what did I behold?

By the dim light of the lantern we saw the mangled body of Captain Luster. The head and one of his limbs were gone, and there was scarcely a semblance of humanity in the remains before us. Near him was the gaunt terrible form of an expiring Bengal tiger, killed by the bullets, cutlass and dagger of Prescott and Backstay Bob.

The two latter, on entering the cabin first, saw the mutilated body of Captain Luster. A low growl warned them of danger, and as Prescott turned his gaze, he saw the tiger crouching and in the very act of springing. Dropping his lantern, he fired his revolver, and as the terrible animal bore him to the floor, he drew his dagger and stabbed him again and again. The needle-pointed instrument reached his heart, which, united with the slashing blows of Backstay Bob, settled his hash before he could do any material injury.

We now made a critical examination of the place. A number of human bones strewed the floor, and several articles of wearing apparel, which seemed to indicate that the place had been tenanted by two human beings of the opposite sexes.

The brute had a chain to his neck, and had been confined to one corner of the room by a delicate iron ring, which had been put there to be broken. Over the centre of the room was written something in an Indian dialect, which was pronounced by the mate (who had spent several years in India) to read:

"I have sought—I have found that which I sought—vengeance."

Carefully removing the body of the Captain to the little boat, we scuttled the mysterious craft and saw it sink to the bottom of the ocean.

Shortly after, the Captain was wrapped in his winding-sheet and followed.

The strange, awful tale regarding the old craft we never learned. It ever remained to us all an unveiled mystery of the sea.

All the pilgrims who visit Mecca cast an offering into the three sepulchres for the defence of Islam. Not less than $3,000,000 a year are thus contributed, and from one of the sepulchres, which was opened in 1829, immense sums were drawn. Another sepulchre was opened during the Crimean war, and now the Sheik-ul Islam has gone to Mecca to draw funds from the third, which has not been opened since 1415. Taking the three sepulchres together, it is computed that they must contain about $120,000,000.

An appeal has been made to the British public on behalf of the three great grand-daughters of Daniel Defoe, the author of "Robinson Crusoe."—These three ladies are over fifty years of age, and two are dependent upon the exertions of the youngest of them, who works at buttonhole making, by which she realizes seven shillings a week.

Arkansas has cool winters and Hot Springs.

(For the Commonwealth.)

The Workingmens' Practical Reform Association of Virginia.

SPARTAPOLIS, VA., June 19, 1877.

MR. EDITOR:—As we are a very quiet people in this part of our great county, you seldom hear from us. The people of this neighborhood were called upon last Saturday, June 16th, to participate in a move that is likely to become one of the most powerful ever organized in the old State; and thinking that you and some of your readers might be interested in its progress, we may from time to time let you hear from us. The meeting was organized by calling Jackson Yates, Esq., to the chair, and the appointment of Joseph H. Mauzy as secretary. The objects of the meeting being explained, the Constitution setting forth the objects, sentiments and principles of the associations was then read by C. G. Jennings, and explained in a very forcible and lucid manner. Mr. Jenning's remarks showed that he understood the subject and that his heart was in it. Col. E. Sipe then addressed the meeting, showing how Virginia might be elevated to the first State in the Union, to which her natural resources justly entitle her. Her geographical advantages were shown and illustrated by a map, making plain to every one the great advantages she possesses for becoming a great commercial and manufacturing State—the greatest in the Union. The remarks were well received, all realizing the necessity of reform in Virginia, and the practical working of this association. After the meeting, a number came forward and gave their names as members of the association. The vote was then taken to ascertain if another meeting was desired at an early day, and it was unanimously decided to have another meeting on Saturday, July 14th. The meeting was then adjourned to meet at the time agreed upon. We think if the people of the State will unite with this association, that ere long she will be restored to her ancient honor and power. OCCASIONAL.

(For the Commonwealth.)

Truths.

Life iz like a bed ov rozes in which the thorns predominate.

Adversity iz sent on man tu tri his strength, and with the degree in which he resists itz force in the same proportion will be meted to him hiz adversity.

The best way tu repair an injury iz tu forget it az sune az possible.

When a man kalls yu a phule, don't seke tu retaliate by uzeing sarkastic words. Employ yore best eloquence tu konvince him that he iz mistaken; if that don't du, a bute jack properly employed will have the desired effect

The Turks are fighting bravely, but it iz now very evident that if tha don't sune Mecca raize, tha must ultimately yield tu the superior genius of the modern Czar.

There iz nuthin more tu be despised in this wurld than a mendacious phule.

It iz better tu kontend with a kicking mule than an angry woman.

A loafer will stick tu a store-box like a school-boy tu a cherry tree; and the shady side of a building iz especially attraktive tu him.

There iz no distinction tu be made between a phule and a wiseacre—one deserves about az much pity az the other.

It iz a strange fakt that one-half of the human race are phules, and the other half are scarcely tu be distinguished from them.

EUGENE HAROLD.

Harrisonburg, Va., June 16, 1877.

Carrier Pigeons.

A curious item in the military estimates of the greater military Powers of Europe is the sum now set down annually for the providing and maintenance of a certain number of pigeon breeding establishments and houses. The large German fortresses of Cologne, Metz, Mayence, Strasburg and others are all supplied with a complement of pigeons, and in France great efforts have been and still are being made to insure that there shall be a good stock of these birds in every garrison town. The idea which had been frequently mooted of utilizing carrier pigeons as the bearers of military dispatches was first worked out in practice during the investments of Paris and Metz in the late Franco-German war. So vigilant was the watch kept by the Germans over all the approaches leading into the fortresses that in fact no other messengers could enter the beleaguered towns. Pigeons could be trusted, under certain easily fulfilled conditions, to return with all speed to their homes; and consequently, numbers of them were taken out of Paris in balloons, to be subsequently laden with dispatches, with which they then returned to the capital. At first the messages were tied round the necks of the pigeons; but it was found that when this was done many of the birds returned without their dispatches, having probably got rid of them themselves during their flight. The plan was therefore adopted of reducing the dispatches, by the aid of photography, to the smallest possible dimensions, and inclosing them in a quill, which was then fastened under one of the large feathers of the pigeon's wing. By this means not only was the loss of the of the dispatches avoided, but they were also protected from partial destruction of obliteration by the weather.

A merchant asked his Sabbath school class the other Sunday "What is solitude;" and was answered by a boy that reads the papers: "The store that don't advertise." Sent up head.

Beatrice Cenci.

I happened to glance up a steep and narrow street, and espying what looked like a palace at its head, I climbed up and found myself in a little square, on which fronted the massive and mouldering walls of the Palazzo Cenci. A polite question at the door gained me speedy admission, and I was shown with great courtesy through the suits of apartments of this once famous palace, the scene of so many terrible crimes and tragedies, the home of the lovely and most unfortunate Beatrice. It is now occupied by a Hebrew family of the wealthier class, all of whom seemed to take much pride and pleasure in showing their dwelling to the strangers, and they assured me that such visitors were very infrequent.—The rooms are lofty and well proportioned, the ceilings beautifully paneled, each panel surrounded with heavy arabesques of tarnished, but elaborate carving and gilding, and each filled with beautifully executed paintings, of which the colors are still bright and clear.

We were shown poor Beatrice's chamber. The paintings on its panels are all of horses and landscapes; and we sadly thought of the beautiful soul-winning eyes that must so often have gazed upon them. Poor, unfortunate, lovely Beatrice. Most wrongfully accused of participating in the murder of her father, who was really procured to be assassinated by her mother, (and if ever an abominable old wretch deserved summary killing at the hands of his kinsfolk, it was this same tyrannical and brutal Francesco Cenci,) she was immured in the horrible dungeon still shown in the Castle of San Angelo, and taken out thence from time to time to be tortured with all the exquisite refinements of cruelty which the devilish ingenuity of man could invent, so as to compel her to confess that of which she was innocent. But although the lovely and tender body of this young and delicately nurtured girl was almost torn asunder by these fiendish torments, her conscious innocence still remained unshaken.

There must be an exaltation of soul which accompanies the consciousness of innocence and deadens the nerves, rendering the body comparatively insensible to pain; else the weak human nature of the martyrs never could have endured the prolonged agonies to which they were subjected. Tortured with the cruel rack and cord, Beatrice constantly remained unshaken.

Stripped and bound into a chair, with its narrow seat cut into the form of pointed diamonds; her hands bound behind and fastened with a cord to the ceiling (they will show you the rings in St. Angelo's torture chamber today;) her body loosely fastened to the back of the chair, cut also into angular points, she was constantly pushed from side to side and jerked by the arm up and down from the ceiling to the spiked chair below for forty consecutive hours, fresh relays of tormentors relieving each other every fifth hour. And still the weak, fragile girl was proof. Yet these men doubtless thought they were doing their duty, according to the light that was in them, and to the custom of their hard, cruel time, in trying to force what they supposed was the truth from a suspected parricide. So, doubtless, thought the patient, hard-working, self-denying Philip II., of Spain, when he ordered the tens of thousands of the Netherlands to torture and to death, that he was working out a great and good work through much tribulation. For our fellow men, when sane, are not such wanton, hideous demons as the historians sometimes try to make us believe. Nero was, doubtless, a madman, and Philip a fanatic. When God has made us perfect, then we can afford to pass judgment with non-sparing severity upon the crimes of others. Meanwhile let us judge not, lest we be judged.

Furious with their failure, they next bound her long and beautiful hair to a running noose attached to the rings in the ceiling above, which was constantly jerked up and down by this, from the roof to the floor, while sharp cords, tied about each finger nearly twisting them out of joint, dragging at the same time the hand almost from the bone of the arm, while a block of burning wood was applied to the soles of the feet. At last yielding to the supplications of her family, who with a refinement of helish malice, were brought in to witness her sufferings, she consented to confess, and agreed to admit every interrogatory which her cruel judges put to her. But when the inquisition was over, raising her eyes to Heaven, she exclaimed:—"Oh, God, Thou knowest if this be true!"

On the scaffold the story of her sufferings and innocence and the sight of beauty so inflamed the spectators that repeated efforts were made by bands of excited young men to effect her rescue; but these were of no avail. The guards beat them back, and her quivering head was exposed to the horror stricken crowd by the executioner.

Gudio's beautiful portrait has made thy tender, innocent, appealing features and expression, as they look out from under the white, fleecy turban in the gloomy cell, and the soulful eyes make piteous prostration of innocence to thy hard hearted persecutors, familiar to all admirers of art throughout the world; and the history of thy wrongs, thy trials and sufferings, and thy sad fate, is the most mournful of all the stories in the long records of Rome.—*Cor. Detroit Free Press.*

The house in which Marat lived is now being destroyed in Paris. The room in which Marat was killed by Charlotte Corday was in a perfect state of preservation.

Eccentricity—Is it a Characteristic of Genius?

The notion prevails that genius must be accompanied by whimsicalness of speech and demeanor incompatible with common sense. It is certain that dullness, as contrasted with genius, is apt to "pursue the even tenor of its way" very unobtrusively, never venturing to deviate from the "trodden path" (a direction held sacred in the eye of common sense) so much even as a single hair-breadth. Genius, on the contrary, (or what the quidnuncs hold to be such), is essentially erratic in its course, and, like Dryden's poetical hero, *Mac Flecknoe,* "never deviates into sense." In attempting, then, a few remarks by way of reply to the interrogatory forming the caption of our article, we maintain that eccentricity of speech or conduct is by no means the inevitable or legitimate consequence of that *bent* of the mind we call genius; nor is said bent, according to our notion, in the slightest degree, incompatible with the due exercise of common sense, common prudence, and an intercourse at once unconstrained and natural with our fellow creatures. Disgusting, however, more than anything else we can think of, appears this same eccentricity of manner and speech when purposely assumed by some "would be" votary of the muse, with the view of impressing lookers on with his claims to be considered a poet of the first water. We are by no means unwilling to concede that poets and philosophers, not a few—aye, and those well entitled to the name, have been eccentric in their demeanor. Their eccentricity was involuntary—the result of intense thought and meditation; whereas, the eccentricity of our *pretenders* to genius (such as we have briefly attempted to characterize) was the merest assumption possible of a singularity of manner and speech, the result of cogitations and reveries, such as none but poets and philosophers of the truest stamp ever experience. One or two anecdotes, in this connection, exemplifying the very eccentricity into which men of the highest genius have fallen, as a natural consequence of their mental absorption, we will relate, as they carry with them such an air of probability as induces us not to hesitate in giving them to the reader. The first notable instance, then, of genuine eccentricity, we venture to present to the reader (the *sham* article, as fraudulently exhibited by pretenders to genius, we utterly discard) is that of Sir Isaac Newton. "Immersed in rapturous thought profound," as this prince of philosophers ever was, it might be supposed that the trivial concerns of earth, and especially household concerns, would give him no trouble whatever; and yet (will it be believed) a favorite cat and her four kittens appear to have been the objects of his unceasing solicitude. The cat was ever a welcome visitor to his study, and so solicitous was he that she and her feline family should have access, at all times, to the apartment, that he ordered a hole to be made in the door, through which she could, at any time, pass. A *phenomenon,* however, not in the heavens, but purely domestic, shortly happened—pussy, attended by four kittens, claiming admission at the philosopher's study door, Sir Isaac would seem to have been nonplussed for a space, but his genius was equal to the emergency, and he lost no time in having four smaller holes made in his study door for the four kittens, while the big hole, for the admission of pussy, was left in *statu quo* The other decidedly droll case of eccentricity we shall lay before the reader, as fully demonstrating the aberrations of genius in one of its most intense moods, is that of *Kant,* probably the profoundest of metaphysicians that the world has yet seen. It was his custom, when deeply engaged upon some abstruse topic, to walk backward and forward upon a moonlight evening along the avenue (bordered on each side with magnificent trees) approaching his house. He was observed, on one occasion, as he slowly, in deep meditation, moved backward and forward, along the avenue, to leap over the *shadows* of the trees as they cast themselves before him in his meditative walk. The delusion was strong upon him that these same shadows were *ditches,* and that it was incumbent upon him that he should clear them, and that precisely in the way he did. Such are the occasional aberrations of true genius.

At a camp-meeting last summer, a venerable sister began the hymn—

"My soul be on thy guard;
Ten thousand foes arise!"

She began in shrill quavers, but it was pitched too high. "Ten thousand—ten thousand," she screeched, and stopped. "Start her at 5,000!" cried a converted stock broker present.

In Morocco they adopt a peculiar and very effective plan for preserving cereals by digging great holes in the ground which they seal up hermetically with lime and other material, and wheat thus garnered will remain in order for twenty and even thirty years.

TO FASTEN LABELS TO TIN CANS.—Put a teaspoonful of brown sugar into a quart of paste, and it will fasten labels as securely to tin cans as to wood.—Housekeepers may save themselves much annoyance in the loss of labels from their fruit cans when putting up their own fruit by remembering this.

"I never did see such a wind and such a storm!" said a man in a coffee-room. "And pray, sir," inquired a would-be wit, "since you saw the wind and the storm, what might their color be?" "The wind blew and the storm rose," was the ready rejoinder.

OLD COMMONWEALTH.

HARRISONBURG, VA.

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THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 28, 1877.

TO THE CONSERVATIVE VOTERS OF ROCKINGHAM.

At a meeting of the County Executive Committee of the Conservative party, held in Harrisonburg on Monday, the 18th day of June, it was resolved that the Conservative voters of each district meet at the places hereafter named, on SATURDAY, THE 21ST OF JULY, at 4 o'clock p. m., to elect delegates to the Gubernatorial Convention, which meets in Richmond on the 8th day of August:

Ashby District—At Mt. Crawford.
Central District—At Harrisonburg.
Linville District—At Edom.
Plains District—At Broadway.
Stonewall District—At McGaheysville.

Ashby Districts is entitled to nine delegates and nine alternates; Central to eight delegates and eight alternates; Linville to four delegates and four alternates; Plains to six delegates and six alternates; Stonewall to seven delegates and seven alternates.

It is urgently requested that there be a full turnout of the voters of each District, and that a selection of delegates be made of those who will attend the Convention in Richmond.

Each of these meetings will organize with officers of its own selection.

C. A. YANCEY, Chairman.
J. R. JONES, Secretary.

One-half of the delegates to the State Convention from Mahone's native county—Southampton—are pledged to vote against him.

There has been some heavy fighting in Asiatic Turkey, and the Turks have been victorious. The Turkish gunboats are bombarding Russian towns on the Danube, and their shells are playing havoc in Russian ranks. Fighting is expected all along the lines, both in Europe and Asia. The Turks, who have heretofore been acting on the defensive, are now growing aggressive and are forcing the fighting.

The Rockingham *Register* in a complimentary notice of Gen. Mahone last week, said:

"If he should be the nominee, there will not be a dissenting voice in this section of the State, among Conservatives, when the day of voting comes."

The *Register* little understands the sentiment of the Conservatives in this section, if the above is its deliberate opinion. We have heard many Conservatives, and prominent ones, too, declare that they would not support Gen. Mahone under any circumstances.

Gen. Mahone is very unpopular in this part of the Valley, and should the nomination be given to him—of which there is little chance—he will not poll near the vote either Kemper or Tilden received.

In this issue appear a number of letters on the governorship from leading Conservatives, to which the attention of the editor of the *Register* is directed.

The Richmond Whig asks why the Valley papers do not oppose some one besides Mahone for Governor. The answer is short:—While the Valley prefers Holliday over all others, it also prefers any other to Mahone; and if Holliday is fairly beaten, any other aspirant other than Mahone will receive the united vote of the Conservatives here.

The above paragraph in last week's COMMONWEALTH has caused general consternation in the Mahone ranks. It has evoked considerable criticism from the Mahone journals, the Richmond *Whig* bestowing nearly a column in reply. The *Whig* labors hard to make the paragraph a declaration of war against its favorite, yet it will be seen that it is simply a statement of facts. The people here *are opposed to Mahone* and does the *Whig* deny them the right to oppose any one they choose? They—speaking of the great majority—prefer Col. Holliday to all others, and does the *Whig* consider that they have no right to have a preference? They prefer Daniel, Lee, Taliaferro or any other gentleman mentioned for Governor, to Gen. Mahone, and does the *Whig* deny their right to do so? There are many Conservatives here, just as warm in the cause as the *Whig*, who will not vote for Gen. Mahone if nominated, and does the *Whig* deny their right to abstain from voting?

The *Whig* asks if the supporters of Holliday want war. This question comes with ill grace from a journal which permits its wrath to run wild if it is even intimated that its favorite is not superior to all other aspirants.—Want war? The only war we know of is waged from the Mahone side. The friends of Lee, Holliday, Taliaferro and others are not waging war. The war consists in the Mahone supporters attacking all who do not favor his nomination. As far as we know, the Valley intends to present Col. Holliday as a suitable leader in the gubernatorial contest, and by *fair means* only they intend to succeed in obtaining his nomination. There is to be no war from the Holliday adherents, unless forced upon them. If he is beaten his supporters will cheerfully bow in deference to the will of the Convention.

If the *Whig* will again read the paragraph which heads this article, it will observe that it is simply a statement of the sentiment here. And if it will read in another column the letters from the people on the gubernatorial nomination, it will observe, also, that the COMMONWEALTH stated correctly the position of the voters of this section. These letters are from *prominent Conservatives*. They are men who think and act for themselves, and cannot be driven into the support of anybody by abuse. And further, they have as intelligent ideas about the proper person for Governor, the wants of the State, &c., as the *Whig*.

HARVEST.

The reward which men receive through the bounty of a beneficent Providence, from a generous soil, sweetens their labor and stimulates them to renewed exertion. Harvest time, to the farmer, is one of the most interesting periods of the year. It is an assurance to him that "seed-time and harvest shall never fail," and while he gathers in the grass which is to be transmuted into flesh, as "all flesh is grass," and while his garners overflow with the golden grain, his heart overflows with thankfulness to the Giver of all good. He has sown his seed at seed-time, after due preparation of the soil, and watched it with tender care and much anxiety, fearing the ravages of the fly, the rust, the mildew and the blight; and now that it has escaped all these enemies and has flourished and matured, he has thrust in his sickle or his reaper and is gathering the golden sheaves, the fruits of his own toil. It is a time for joy and gratulation, and in past ages of the world it used to be celebrated as a festal occasion, in which the tresses of the queen of agriculture were adorned with a garland of wheat, and there was music and dancing and song, in honor of the gathering in of the fruits of the field. While the farmer has special reasons for gratitude over his own prosperity and abundance of cereal wealth, all other classes should rejoice with him, for, literally and truly, the farmer feedeth all. A bountiful harvest, therefore, is a time when every bosom should swell with gratitude to Him who sends his rain upon the just and the unjust, and giveth to all his portion in due season.

NO HEBREW NEED APPLY.

The Grand Union is one of the large and fashionable hotels at Saratoga. It formerly belonged to A. T. Stewart and is now in charge of Mr. Hilton, the custodian of the Stewart estate. Last week Mr. Seligman, a Jew, a wealthy and prominent citizen of New York, applied for rooms for himself and family during the Springs season, and was informed by the manager that no Jews would be entertained hereafter, for the reason that Christians shunned the hotel on account of the large number of Hebrews stopping there. Mr. Seligman became indignant, and returning to the city informed some of his friends of his treatment. The unjust discrimination against a respectable portion of the citizens of the country has met with condemnation from both Jews and Christians, and from all parts of the land come protests against the proprietors of the Grand Union.

The New York *Sun* thus comments upon the action of Mr. Hilton and his hotel manager:

"What an illustrious company would have to be turned out of our summer hotels if the Jews were not admitted! The great lawgiver, Moses, could not have a room, even if returning from the study of the wisdom of the Egyptians among whom he sought shelter. The immortal poet. Isaiah, would not be esteemed suitable company, and would be obliged to seek a less aristocratic tavern. King Solomon, whose words of wisdom will instruct the world for thousands of years, would have to take up his lodging in a second-class house. King David, over whose songs the whole Christian world lingers, would not be allowed by the gentleman like clerk to enter his sacred name on the hotel register. St. Paul, who laid the foundaion of modern theology, was a man of an appearance so poor and mean, barring his being a Jew, that no model hotel would think of admitting him. St. John was so wrapt in his visions of heavenly scenes that the hotel clerk would indubitably have sent for a police officer to carry him out if he had appeared at the desk seeking a suitable room, while the exclusive patrons of the hotel would at once have packed up their baggage if the idea of his admittance had for a moment been entertained. Spinoza, Neander, Mendelsson, Dauld, Rubeinstein, and a host of others conspicuous in letters and arts would have to depart amid the sneers of the exclusive guests. Disraeli, the Earl of Beaconsfield, the Prime Minister of England, could not enter there, for he is a Jew, and bears in his lineaments the unmistakle marks of his descent. The hotel clerk would detect him at once, and see the damage his presence in the mode house would do.

Blackwood for June has been received from the Leonard Scott Publishing Co., 41 Barclay street, New York. Contents as follows:

1. A Woman-Hater. Part XIII.
2. Sundry Short Poems, by J. R. S.
3. Twenty Years of African Travel.
4. Pauline. Part V.
5. How I Caught My First Salmon: A Canadian Sketch.
6. Lord Derby's Dispatch and the Debate
7. The Storm in the East.

The 'Woman-Hater' is finished in the present Part. It was time to draw to a close, writes the author, for the woman-hater is spoilt by being married, and the other characters are suitably provided for.

"Twenty Years of African Travel" is a concise account of all that has been done by individual explorations, giving a fair general idea of what that continent is, of what it is capable of being made, and of the people by whom it is occupied at present.

"How I Caught my First Salmon" will be pleasant reading for anglers, who may be contemplating an excursion to the less frequented salmon-runs of Canada.

Thirty-four pages are occupied with a discussion of "Lord Derby's Despatch" and "The Storm in the East." The aim of the first article is to vindicate the policy of the despatch; and in the second article an attempt is made to place the condition of the war before the reader, and to point out some of the contingencies which may affect the result.—The writer prudently abstains from prediction. "There are good reasons why Russia should finally win, if she can hold out, and none but the Turks resist her. But then, again, she cannot probably hold out, and Turkey may find allies."

The periodicals reprinted by the Leonard Scott Publishing Co., 41 Barclay street, New York, are as follows: The London Quarterly, Edinburgh, Westminister, and British Quarterly Reviews, and Blackwood's Magazine. Price, $4 a year for any one, or only $15 for all, and the postage is prepaid by the Publishers.

AN ACT

To amend and re-enact the sixth section of an act entitled an act for the protection of sheep in the county of Rockingham, approved March 15th, 1875.

[Approved February 26, 1877.]

1. Be it enacted by the general assembly, That the sixth section of the act entitled an act for the protection of sheep in the county of Rockingham, approved March fifteen, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

§ 6. The board of supervisors shall allow, out of the fund created by this act, a premium of seventy-five cents for the scalp of a grey fox, one dollar and fifty cents for the scalp of a red fox; two dollars and fifty cents for the scalp of a wild-cat, and five dollars for the scalp of a wolf. They shall also have discretion to order the payment, in whole or in part, the claims or damages to sheep, subject to the amount of funds collected under this act, and the legal and equitable right of each application. The excess over and above paying for the damage to sheep, and the premium on scalps, shall be turned over to the school fund of the county. It shall be the duty of the attorney for the commonwealth to be present and represent the interests of the county when these claims are decided.

2. This act shall be in force from its passage.

AN ACT

To provide for keeping in repair partition fences, in the counties of Rockbridge, Pulaski, Rockingham, and Lancaster.

[Approved April 4, 1877.]

1. Be it enacted by the general assembly, That all partition fences in the counties of Rockbridge, Pulaski, Rockingham, and Lancaster, shall be kept in good repair. When a division fence may, in the opinion of either of the coterminous owners or tenants need repair, and such owners or tenants do not agree as to said repairs, then either one of them, upon a notice of ten days to the other, may apply to a justice of the peace of his district, who shall appoint three disinterested freeholders, to be known as fence-viewers, two of whom may act, whose duty it shall be, after first being duly sworn, to view the premises, and determine what repairs are needed, estimate the costs thereof, and fix the period within which they shall be made, and announce their decision in writing to the parties. If either of the parties shall fail, within the specified time, to make the required repairs, then it shall be lawful for the other party to make such repairs at the cost of the party so failing, and to recover, before a justice of the peace, without limit as to jurisdiction, the amount estimated for cost of said repairs, and the costs of collecting the same. For their services under this act, the fence-viewers shall be allowed one dollar each for every day so employed, to be recovered one-half from each party; provided that such repairs shall, in the opinion of the viewers, be to the interest of both parties.

2. This act shall be in force from its passage.

The President's Circular to Officeholders.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—The President to-day addressed the following circular letter to all prominent federal officers throughout the country:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, June 22, 1877—Sir:—I desire to call your attention to the following paragraph in a letter addressed by me to the Secretary of the Treasury, on the conduct to be observed by officers of the general government in relation to the elections: "No officer should be required or permitted to take part in the management of political organizations, caucuses, conventions or election campaigns. Their right to vote and to express their views on public questions, either orally or through the press, is not denied, provided it does not interfere with the discharge of their official duties. No assessments for political purposes on officers or subordinates should be allowed." This rule is applicable to every department of the civil service. It should be understood by every officer of the general government that he is expected to conform his conduct to its requirements.

Very Respectfully, R. B. HAYES.

A large number of operatives employed in the iron manufacturing establishments in the Schuylkill, Lehigh and Susquehanna valleys of Pennsylvania are now on a strike against the announced reduction in wages. All the puddlers at Laight's rolling mill at Lebanon and those at Pott's iron works at Columbia are now out. There are between 1,000 and 1,500 men on a strike, and it is possible this number will be largely increased in a few days. The severest reduction is that announced by the Bethlehem Steel and Iron Company, being from 5 to 25 per cent. The strike of the Patterson (N. J.) silk weavers continues. The weavers, who demanded ten per cent. increase, were on Saturday locked out until they will accept twenty per cent. reduction. The stove molders at Louisville, Ky., have struck, and every foundery there is closed in consequence.

A dispatch from Mauch Chunk, Pa, says the Mollie Maguires have murdered Wm. O'Conner, near White Haven, and also assassinated John Grady, a miner employed in one of the Lehigh collieries, and that James McDermott and Michael O'Brien, who were witnesses against several of the executed Mollies, have mysteriously disappeared, and fears are entertained that they have been foully dealt with. Quite a number of persons have received "coffin notices." A number of disguised "Mollies" have been seen, and several meetings are reported. The police are still patrolling the coal region.

THE GOVERNORSHIP.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

All for Holliday—None for Mahone.

EDITOR COMMONWEALTH:—It is said that "coming events cast their shadows before," and we have thought that there are indications foreshadowing an attempt to divide, if possible, the Rockingham delegation and send a part in the interest of Gen. Mahone. This may seem improbable to some at a first view, and yet it is altogether possible, if the people, through neglect or indifference, stay away from the District meetings, and leave these assemblages to the manipulations of a few would-be leaders.

We are satisfied that upon a fair expression of sentiment from the Conservative voters of this county, a very large majority would be found to favor the nomination of Col. Holliday as against any other of the prominent aspirants for gubernatorial honors, and especially as against Gen. Mahone.

A most extraordinary effort—without a parallel we think in the political history of the State—is now being made, in advance of the primary meetings, to influence public sentiment in favor of Gen. Mahone. The great "energy and vigor" claimed for him by his friends, seem taxed to their utmost powers in filling the mails and flooding the country with pamphlets, *Richmond Whigs*, *Rural Messengers*, and other publications favoring his nomination. Are we to have a repetition on a wider field of the very questionable scene which characterized his engineering through the State Legislature the Railroad Consolidation Bill? And are the voters of the old Commonwealth ready to elevate to the first position in their gift, the man who was chiefly instrumental in securring the passage of this Bill, by which they suffered a loss of more than $6,000,000, in bonds of nominal value, held by the State in the roads consolidated? We believe not. Then let the people bestir themselves, and see to it that delegates are sent who will correctly reflect their sentiments in the Richmond Convention. And let them demand to know the sentiments of the candidates for delegates before they cast their ballots, as suggested by you, Mr. Editor, in your last issue.

June 25th, 1877. ASHBY.

KEEZLETOWN, June 25th, 1877.

EDITOR COMMONWEALTH:—Keezletown desires to give expression to her feelings in regard to a candidate for Governor at the coming election. We desire to say that Col. Holliday is our choice, and that he will receive our hearty support. While we make this expression of our choice, we are not disposed to fight any other aspirant for the nomination, but will frankly say that we are straightout opposed to Gen. Mahone, who has been entangled in railroad schemes, getting a salary almost equal to the President of the United States, and yet, under his boasted management, his road went under. We will not vote for him if nominated, unless it be absolutely necessary to save the party. Give us Holliday, and we will give him a rousing vote.

KEEZLETOWN.

EDITOR COMMONWEALTH:—Delegates are to be selected by the several Districts in this county, on the third Saturday in July, to go to the State Convention, to be held in Richmond, to nominate a candidate for Governor.—The meeting in this District will be held in the Court House in Harrisonburg. We hope there will be a full turnout, and that the delegates selected shall have no uncertain sound.

Col. Holliday is overwhelmingly the choice of our people for Governor, and we call upon the voters present to see that none are selected to go to Richmond who will not announce their intention to support Holliday. He is a man of clear, good sense, plain and unpretending in his manners, a sober, industrious christian gentleman. He is no politician, but thoroughly understands the wants of our State, and will labor faithfully and indefatigably to promote her best interests. Let us make him our next Governor.

VOTERS OF CENTRAL DISTRICT.

BRIDGEWATER, June 25th, 1877.

EDITOR COMMONWEALTH:—We hardly think the editor of the *Rockingham Register* fully appreciates the position of the people in this section of the Valley, when he undertakes to speak for them as he does in the last issue of his paper in his article—"Gen. Mahone." In that article the editor uses the language, "if he (meaning Mahone) should be the nominee there will not a dissenting voice in this section of the State among Conservatives when, the day of voting comes." Let us assure the gentleman that he never in his life more completely "counted without his host." No more objectionable man could be presented to our people for their suffrage than Gen. Mahone; and should he be the nominee of the Convention, the editor of the *Register* will find that there will not only be *one*, but hundreds of dissenting voices in this "section of the State." Gen. Mahone is regarded by many of our people as the greatest political enemy the Valley has, and all the logical reasoning that can be brought to bear will not change them. We, personally, know many staunch, unflinching, uncompromising "Conservatives" who will NOT support Gen. Mahone with their votes and, one great reason why they will not is because they *are* CONSERVATIVES.

MCGAHEYSVILLE, June 26th, 1877.

MR. EDITOR:—We ask space in your prudent columns to vindicate the people of East Rockingham against an unjust representation upon them through the unknowing editor of the *Register*, in an article in his last issue under the caption of "Gen. Mahone." Were Gen. Mahone, which we think is not at all probable, to receive the nomination of the Convention for the next Governorship of Virginia, the *Register* nor Gen Mahone will not have the gratification to know that East Rockingham helped to seat him. Under no circumstances will they support him, only to save the Conservative party. Col. Holliday is our choice, and any other on the slate in preference to Mahone.

EAST ROCKINGHAM.

Gold in New York Monday $1.05½.

The Executions in Pennsylvania.

The extraordinary spectacle was witnessed yesterday in Pennsylvania of the execution at Pottsville, in that State, of six of the murderers known as Molly Maguires; at Mauch Chunk of four others, and at Wilkesbarre of one of the same band of man slayers, whose atrocities, as stated by a Northern journal, have for fourteen years made "human life as uncertain in that nominally Christian State as ever it was in the jungles of India before advancing civilization had cleared them of tigers and of Thugs." There are few States in the Union, certainly none in the South, against which such an allegation could be pretended. The fact that such men as these are of foreign birth or foreign descent is a startling illustration of the proposition announced by an English historian that in the centres of the civilization of the old world there is a barbarism among certain classes of the community as wild and ferocious as any among the savage tribes of the wilderness. The counties in which these men were hung were adjoining, and the chief places of execution about 20 miles apart. The 'Mollow Maguires" is the name given to a secret society in Pennsylvania, which was organized to use terrorism and revenge for the purpose of keeping down all opposition to the rule of their adherents in the anthracite coal regions in the matter of mining regulations by operators and bosses, 'strikes' and the wages of labor. It was during the periods of dispute between the miners and their employers, and during or immediately before or after "strikes" that the most of their murderous work was done. Some of them used the name of the "Ancient Order of Hibernians," with their signs, pass words and machinery for purposes of assassination. The localities in which they operated were chiefly the counties of Schuykill, Carbon and Luzerne. Those against whom they operated were "mine bosses" who were faithful to their employers, or mine owners or operators who wanted to control their mines in their own way, or working miners or laborers who refused to do their biddings. Their brutal beatings and incendiary fires were innumerable, but murder was the commonest of their crimes. The stoning to death by a mob of one Langdon, a "breaker boss," in Carbon county, in 1862, was the first of their crimes. They fired at obnoxious persons through windows of bedrooms while sleeping, and while walking home, and shot one policeman upon his beat. Their cunning, equal to their ferocity, was shown in the fact that the victims were never beaten or killed by the men who held grudges against them, but by strangers detailed from "divisions" in a different locality. They did their work openly, and sometimes in the presence of the families of their victims.—They even had a tariff of prices for murder, and it is said to be in evidence that on one occasion a "division" meeting was held in order to decide between rival claimants for "blood money," two men actually claiming the sole merit of one murder and putting in their demands for pay. These scenes scarcely equaled by the bravos of the middle ages, occurred within four hours travel of Philadelphia, the headquarters of "brotherly love," and whose journals are more exercised than those of any Atlantic city upon barbarism and outrages in the South. It is evident, however, that those executed yesterday were mostly very ignorant men, and were thus, perhaps, in one sense the victims of others, who by reason of their unfortunate condition were able to use them for the wicked purposes of the organization.

Although there was some quarrel about the wages of labor, the grudges and revenges of the "Molly Maguires" seem to have been almost purely personal. The political power which they attained is one of the most curious and significant features of their malign career. They were able to elect candidates to office from their own murderous crew. In various counties important local officers, commissioners and chief of police were "Molly Maguires," and one of them came within a few votes of being elected a judge of the very court which condemned his confederates to be hanged yesterday. The day of reckoning has come to them at last, and the survivors who are said to be plotting revenge, will probably find that the law can no longer be defied.—*Baltimore Sun of Friday.*

MARRIED.

On June 21st, 1877, by Rev. M. B. E. Kline, Charles Fridley and Abigail Cline.

On June 12th, 1877, by Rev. M. B. E. Kline, Franklin Kerl and Elizabeth A. Rhinehart.

On Wednesday morning, June 27, by Rev W. G. Edgleston, Edward L. Russell, of Jefferson county, W. Va., and Miss Luella V. Gaines, of Harrisonburg, Va.

DIED.

At the residence of his brother, near Breadway, Rockingham county, Va, June 7th, 1877, Mr. Aaron Pence, of Forestville, Shenandoah county, Va., aged 57 years, 6 months, and 2 days.

Trustee's Sale.

—OF—

REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY

AT TIMBERVILLE, VA.

BY virtue of a Deed of Trust, bearing date January 31, 1877, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Rockingham co., executed to me by M. M. Helbert to secure H. Rosenheim, of Baltimore, the payment of several notes therein mentioned, I will,

On Saturday, the 21st day of July, 1877,

offer for sale on the premises at Timberville, Va., the following property, to-wit:

The Hotel Property,

being the same property conveyed by Wm. B. Compton, Commissioner, to M. M. Helbert by deed of date February 17th, 1876. Also 1 Bay Horse (Bill,) 1 one-horse Spring Wagon, 1 two-horse Spring Wagon; all of the household and kitchen furniture owned by the said Helbert at the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, the fixtures used in the confectionery and store room, consisting of show-cases, jars, scales; the fixtures belonging to the bar-room, consisting of glasses, measures, &c., &c., and one Jennie Lynn Table.

TERMS OF SALE:—Enough cash to pay expenses of executing this trust and the amount of the notes secured and unpaid, and the balance upon a credit of one and two years, purchaser giving note with security.

ED. S. CONRAD.
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THREE MONTHS ON TRIAL.

THERE are at least one hundred thousand musicians and music lovers in the South, who never have seen a copy of the SOUTHERN MUSICAL JOURNAL, or do not even know that such a magazine is in existence. Each and all of this vast musical army are herewith invited to enclose us Twenty-five Cents and receive the JOURNAL on trial for three months; or, if they prefer, send us a three cent stamp for a specimen copy. Address the publishers.

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COMMERCIAL.

HARRISONBURG WHOLESALE PRICE CURRENT.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY GEO. A MYERS & CO., WHOLESALE GROCERS AND PRODUCE DEALERS.

HARRISONBURG, VA., June 28, 1877.

Remarks.—We have no important change to note in quotations to-day. The general dullness in business, which always prevails during the harvest season is apparent just now, and probably there will be no marked activity in trade for a week or ten days to come, or at least not sufficient to make much change in quotations.

We quote to-day—

APPLES—Green (as to quality)	$ 0 00@ 0 00
" —Dried	3@ 3½
BACON, Virginia Hog Round	9@ 9½
" " Hams	10@ 10½
" " Sides	9½@ 10
" " Shoulders	8@ 9
" Baltimore, Hams, sugar-cur'd	13½@ 15
" " Sides & shoulders	7½@ 8
BUTTER—No. 1, Choice	13@ 15
" Good to Fair	12@ 12½
BEESWAX, per lb	20@ 25
BEANS—White	1 00@ 1 50
" Mixed	1 00@ 1 20
BLACKBERRIES—Dried	5@ 6
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR	2@ 3
CORN—White ⅌ bush	50@ 55
" Yellow, "	50@ 50
CORNMEAL ⅌ bush	65@ 75
CHICKENS—Live	10@ 25
CHERRIES—Drid—Pitted	10@ 12
CEMENT—Round Top	2 50@ 2 50
COFFEE—Common Rio	19@ 19½
" Fair to Prime	20@ 23
" Laguira	22@ 25
CHEESE	15@ 18
COTTON YARNS, ⅌ bunch	1 10@ 1 20
EGGS, per dozen	10@ 12
FLOUR—Superfine	6 00@ 6 50
" Extra	7 25@ 7 50
" Family	7 75@ 8 00
FEATHERS—Pure, new, geese	40@ 45
FLAXSEED, ⅌ bush	80@ 1 00
FISH—Potomac Herring	7 00@ 8 00
" Mackerel, No. 2	9 00@10 00
GINSENG	40@ 50
HERD GRASS SEED, ⅌ bush	1 25@ 2 00
LARD—Virginia	9@ 10
" Baltimore	10@ 11
LIME—⅌ barrel	30@ 75
MOLASSES—Black St'p, per gallon	42@ 43
" Porto Rico	60@ 70
" New Orleans	65@ 72
" Bright Syrup	45@ 50
OIL—Kerosine in barrels, ⅌ gal on	18@ 20
OATS—Bright	30@ 35
POTATOES—Irish	1 00@ 1 50
RYE	50@ 55
RICE—in barrels ⅌ lb	7½@ 10
SALT—Liverpool, ⅌ sack	1 75@ 1 75
SUGAR—Yellow	11@ 11¼
" White	12@ 13
TALLOW	4@ 5
TIMOTHY SEED—⅌ bus	1 25@ 2 00
TEAS—Green	75@ 1 50
" Black	50@ 1 00
WHEAT—As to quality	1 20@ 1 40
WOOL—Washed	25@ 30
" Unwashed	20@ 23

HARRISONBURG MARKET.

CORRECTED BY JOHN S. LEWIS.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 28, 1877.

Flour—Family	$8 50@ 8 75
Do Extra	7 50@ 7 75
Do Super	0 00@ 6 50
Wheat	1 25@ 1 50
Buckwheat Flour	2@ 2½
Rye	0 50@0 50
Corn, (new)	0 55@0 65
Oats, (new)	0 33@0 35
Corn Meal	0 60@0 75
Bacon	0 9@0 10
Pork	0 00@6 50
Flaxseed	0 00@0 75
Salt, ⅌ sack	1 75@1 80
Hay	00 00@10 00
Lard	9@0 10
Butter, (good fresh)	0 12@0 15
Eggs	0 00@12½
Potatoes, new	0 00@1 50
Onions	35@ 40
Dried Cherries	10@ 10
" Whortleberries	7@ 8
" Peaches	12@ 15
Timothy Seed	1 25@1 50
Clover "	7 50@8 00
Wool, (unwashed)	0 00@0 25
Do (washed)	0 28@0 30
Plaster	8 50

CATTLE MARKETS.

BALTIMORE, June 20, 1877.

Beef Cattle—Prices to-day ranged as follows:

Best Beeves	$6 25 a 6 75
Generally rated first quality	5 00 a 6 00
Medium or good fair quality	4 75 a 5 00
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows	3 50 a 4 50
General average of the market	5 62
Extreme range of Prices	3 50 a 6 75
Most of the sales were from	5 00 a 6 00
Total receipts for the week 1617 head.	Total sales 1371 head

The quality of the offerings was scarcely as good as last week. Prices were a shade off for tops, but ¼@ ½c, and in some instances ½c lower on medium and common grades.

Milch Cows are very dull at 30@$50, and extra at $55 per head.

Sheep and Lambs—The market for Sheep has been rather heavy most of the time at reduced figures on last week's prices. The home demand has not been active. We quote butcher Sheep at 4@5c per lb gross; Lambs at 5@6½c per pound gross, but few, and those choice, at the latter price. Receipts this week 3085 head.

Hogs—There has been a fair supply during this week, and a moderate demand, no special activity existing at any time. Prices show no material change since last report. We quote at 6¼@7c, most sales being made at 6¾c per pound. Receipts this week 3784 head.

GREAT DECLINE

—IN—

DRY GOODS!

I HAVE THIS DAY MARKED DOWN MY ENTIRE STOCK!

NOTE the FOLLOWING PRICES:

Good Brown Cotton	5 cents.
" 4 4 " "	6 "
Best 4 4 " "	8 "
Good Bleached Cotton	5 "
" 4 4 " "	6, 7, 8 "
Best 4 4 " "	10 "

CALICOES:

Good Calico	5 cents.
Very best do.	6½ "

Clark's O.N.T. Spool Cotton 65c. per doz.

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—IN THE—

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Brown Cotton	5 cents.
4 4 do. do.	6 "
4 4 do. do. best	8 "
Bleached Cotton	5 cents.
4-4 do. do. good	6, 7, 8 "
4-4 do. do. best	10 "

CALICO:

Good	5 cents.
Very Best	6½ "

Clark's O.N.T. Spool Cotton 65 cents per dozen.

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IN organizing "THE VIRGINIA LAND BUREAU" the projectors have in view the dissemination of information relative to all classes of lands in Virginia—agricultural, mineral and timbered. A long residence in the State, extensive experience in the business and a thorough acquaintance with the great mineral resources of the Commonwealth, enables us to furnish the most reliable information on these subjects to those seeking either homes in Virginia or investment for capital. The necessity for a Bureau of this character has long been a great need to the farmer, land owner and mineralogist. Recognizing this necessity we have taken advantage of it, and established this Bureau midway of the Shenandoah Valley, one of the most fertile and productive regions in the United States, bordered on either side by extensive mountains, rich in iron, copper, lead and zinc ores, also the finest deposits of anthracite coal. This section abounds in fine springs, innumerable fine mill sites and water powers for manufacturing purposes, generally, together with all required railroad and telegraphic facilities to Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and the West. Settlers in this section will have all the advantages of public and private institutions of learning, together with churches of all religious denominations.

Parties desiring information in regard to lands or properties of any character or description will find it to their interest to communicate with us, (enclosing stamp.) Address,

P. B. DELANY,
Sec'y and Sup't Virginia Land Bureau,
Harrisonburg, Va.

NOT—Persons having lands or mineral properties for sale are respectfully invited to correspond with this Bureau, giving full particulars, and sending descriptions of property, terms and specimens of minerals, (freight prepaid) as we have facilities for analyzing and reporting on all classes of minerals, by two of the most eminent chemists in the country.

We have a large list of other properties—mineral and agricultural lands, mills, tanneries, houses, lots, &c.—besides those advertised below, and persons desiring to purchase should call upon us before buying.

FOR SALE.—A Farm of 190 acres, on Shenandoah River, 12 miles from Harrisonburg. About 50 acres well timbered. Fencing in excellent condition. Good dwelling and all necessary improvements. This is considered one of the finest farms on the River. Soil light sandy loam; never requiring fertilizers, and producing crops unsurpassed by any land in the Valley of Virginia.

A HOUSE AND LOT situated in Sangersville, Augusta county, Virginia. The lot contains one acre of land and is enclosed by good fence. The house is in complete order, and contains five rooms, a kitchen and cellar. There is on the lot a large new stable. On the lot there is also another house close to the main dwelling, which contains four rooms. There is a well of excellent water in the yard. This property will be sold for $1,000, on good terms.

FOR SALE—that fine three story Brick House on Northeast corner of West Market and German streets, Harrisonburg. This building fronts 33 feet on West Market street and 75 feet on German street, has two fine store rooms and warerooms on first floor; the two upper floors contain eleven rooms, suitable for offices, for family, &c. There is a yard attached to the property and a fine cistern. The property is offered at low figures on reasonable terms by the Virginia Land Bureau.

FOR SALE—THE MOST VALUABLE PROPERTY IN THE VALLEY.—We have for sale the valuable property known as the CAVE OF FOUNTAINS, situated 4 miles East of V. R. R., at Cave Station. This property is offered at very low figures and on easy terms. The farm contains 100 acres of choice land, (River bottom land.) Fine large mansion, with all necessary out-buildings to a well conducted farm. The Cave of Fountains is one of the greatest wonders of the present age—abounding in stalactite formations of beautiful, magnificent and grand scenery, not surpassed by any other Cave in the United States. This Cave, being newly opened, leaves the formations fresh and beautiful. This Cave property could be made to yield a revenue, if properly managed of over $10,000 per annum. Call at the office of the Virginia Land Bureau for further information and terms of purchase.

A FARM OF 260 ACRES of choice smooth Limestone Land, with a fine two story, 60 feet front, stone dwelling house, large barn with stone foundation, stone spring house, blacksmith shop, running water through the farm, fresh spring water at the house, two large orchards of choice fruit. A portion of the farm is in choice timber. The yard and grounds surrounding the dwelling are beautified with fine shade trees and evergreens. This is one of the finest farms in Augusta county. Situated five miles Northwest of V. R. R. at Fort Defiance Station. Will be sold very cheap and on easy terms if a call is made soon.

A FARM OF 130 ACRES of limestone land, 2 miles North of Harrisonburg on the Kratzer Spring road, has on it a wooden house, containing five rooms and a kitchen, an orchard of choice fruit, well of fresh water at the house, never failing ponds of water in the fields. 15 acres of this place is in choice timber. This is a cheap farm, and will be sold on easy terms by applying at once to the Virginia Land Bureau.

FOR SALE—Several valuable vacant building lots situated in Harrisonburg, some of them well suited for business stands. Apply at the Virginia Land Bureau.

A desirable HOUSE and LOT in Dayton, Va. Price, $750.00.

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115 Acres of good land with improvements, 2½ miles from Railroad depot. Some meadow land; well watered; 30 acres of choice timber; fencing good. This is a cheap property. Can be purchased for the low sum of $2100.

110 ACRES OF LAND, good buildings, 18 miles from Harrisonburg. Price, $50 per acre. This property is located in a good neighborhood and is a splendid home.

FOR SALE.—ONE HUNDRED ACRES OF LIMESTONE LAND within four miles of Harrisonburg; well watered; improvements good.

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FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

PROGRAMME OF THE DAY.

The programme for the Grand Celebration at Harrisonburg on the Fourth of July has been completed, and is as follows: The procession will form at the Depot at 10 o'clock, under Col. Chas. T. O'Ferrall, Chief Marshal, Col. D. H. Lee Martz and Lieut. Samu'l H. Bowman, Assistant Marshals, W. H. Stinespring and G. R. Eastham, aids, in the following order: Marshals, assistant marshals and aids on horseback, Prof. Clary's band, Harrisonburg Guards, Stonewall Band, West Augusta Guards, Charlestown Band, Staunton Artillery, Winchester Band, carriages with orator and reception committee.

The reception committee to receive the orator, are—Capts. John Paul, W. S. Lurty, F. A. Daingerfield, James Kenney, Chas. A. Yancey, Geo. G. Grattan and Gen. J. R. Jones.

The procession will move upon the arrival of the 10:20 train, and will march as follows:

Main Street to East Market, East Market to Cemetery Hill and back to Main, South Main to German and back to Water, Water to German, German to Gay, Gay to Main, Main to Public Square.

Immediately after the parade a public meeting will be held in the Court House Yard. It will be called to order and be presided over by Hon. John T. Harris, with Hon. John F. Lewis, Hon. Wm. Milnes, Col. E. J. Armstrong, Col. E. Sipe, Col. R. N. Harrison, Col. A. S. Gray and M. Lindon, Esq., as Vice-Presidents.

The Declaration of Independence will be read by Capt. John Paul, and an oration appropriate to the day and occasion will be delivered by Gen. Jas. H. Williams, of Winchester.

At four o'clock the military will reform on South Side of Court House Square and have a dress parade, under Gen. John E. Roller, officer in charge. After this the visiting military will be escorted to the depot.

We are requested by the committee in charge to suggest to the citizens on the line of march to display flags from their residences and do whatever else they can to give the place a holiday appearance.

We want to see everybody, who possibly can come, here on the 4th of July. The people from the country it is hoped will come in great numbers, and bring baskets of provisions with them. Of course the Committee of Arrangements cannot feed and attend to everybody, as they are bound to provide for the invited guests, which will fully occupy their time and attention. We suggest this as a wise precautionary measure, in order that all may be provided for and no one go away hungry. The citizens of Harrisonburg will provide liberally for as many as they can, and give the freedom of their homes to friends and visitors, but every effort they can make may not be sufficient to accommodate the vast throng who will be here—hence we hope our country friends will adopt our suggestion, and come provided with baskets of eatables, enough and to spare.

TILL TAPPING.—James Kavanaugh, proprietor of the Virginia House, has missed money from his money drawer for some time, and suspicion attached to John W. Elliott, colored. Officer Kelley was notified of the fact, and on Friday morning arrested him. Funds were found upon his person, and the Mayor, after hearing the cause, committed him to the Chain Gang for ninety days.

THIRTY DAYS ON THE CHAIN GANG.—James Taylor, for stealing corn from James L. Anderson, at Spring Creek, was lodged in jail here Saturday night. We have not learned before whom Taylor was convicted, and can only state the fact that he is serving out a sentence of thirty days on the Corporation Chain Gang.

GEO. A. MYERS, wholesale and retail Grocer, Partlow & Lambert building, Main Street, has gone to Baltimore for fresh supplies. Several car-loads of sugars will arrive in a few days, to which he invites attention. Bought for preserving season especially, and will be sold at a very short margin.

BREVITIES.

Harvest week.

90 in the shade.

A circus is coming up the Valley.

Oh, isn't it time for another Court?

The Circuit Court adjourned on Saturday.

Next Wednesday will be the Fourth of July.

The song of the harvester resounds through the land.

The trial of Anderson Shifflett is set for next Monday.

Wheat crop abundant, and enormous corn crop in prospect.

The Board of Supervisors meet to-morrow—Friday, the 29th.

Look out for the "lightning-bug artillery" on the night of the 4th.

The parade on the Fourth of July will be strictly a military affair.

A dry goods war has been commenced among Harrisonburg merchants.

Competition is the life of trade. See the reductions offered by our merchants.

The next issue of this paper will tell about the big celebration in Harrisonburg, July 4.

The city council of Staunton hold meetings by moonlight, on the council chamber porch.

Hiram Huffman has been appointed postmaster at Milnesville, in Augusta county, vice John Evans, resigned.

The corporation election will take place on the fourth Thursday of July. Some little interest is already being manifested.

A report of the town finances will be made next week. Under a new law reports are required to be made every three months.

The M. E. Church South, at Shenandoah Iron Works, will have a festival and dinner in Harnsberger's grove on the 12th of July.

The "Stonewall" Band will attend a reception in Odd Fellows' Hall, at 9 a. m., July 4th, given by Clary's Harrisonburg Band.

Bishop Whittle of the diocese of Virginia will visit this parish on Monday, July 30th, and administer the rite of confirmation in Emmanuel Church.

The Clarke Cavalry, a noted cavalry company in the late war, is being reorganized. This will make the ninth military company from Berryvill to Staunton.

L. L. Nicholas was elected Quartermaster of the Harrisonburg Guards on Monday evening last, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Jno. E. Braithwaite.

The Harrisonburg Guards will pass in review and be inspected by Capt. James Kenney, on Saturday evening next at 6½ o'clock, on the South side of the Public Square.

Persons suffering with Piles will find it to their benefit to call and see Dr. Harper, and get a box of his Pile Ointment. This Ointment stands second to none in the country.

Everybody will be here next Wednesday to witness the grand Fourth of July demonstration, to hear the oration by Gen. Jas. H. Williams, and to have a good time generally.

The closing exercises of the Wesleyan Institute at Staunton took place last week.—Miss Ella Allemong, of Bridgewater, received diplomas in the French and Natural Philosophy Schools.

Under a recent act of the Legislature school trustees are elected by the council in corporations over 500 inhabitants, instead of being appointed by the Board of Education. The council of Harrisonburg next week will elect three trustees for one, two and three years.

Harper, agent for John Wanamaker, sells best linen collars at 12½c a piece; cuffs, best 4 ply, at 25c per pair; best Wamasutta cotton shirts, full made, at $1.25 a piece; superior stout British hose at 25c per pair. He sells boots and shoes 50 per cent. lower than they can be made in the Valley. Hats and caps and all goods pertaining to a gentleman's wardrobe can be bought low down. Satisfaction guaranteed in every particular. He has also a nice line of ladies' dress goods, in sample, and are retailed to you at wholesale prices. Mr. Harper's daughter will take pleasure in showing these goods to all who will favor her with a call. Come and see them even if you don't want to buy.

AN ACCIDENT WHICH PROVED FATAL.—Two weeks ago we noticed the fact that Mr. George Lohr, Sr., near Plains Mills, in this county, had fallen and broken his right thigh. Mr. Lohr was ninety-seven years of age, and on account of which no hope of his recovery was entertained. He died several days after, and left a large circle of relatives, among whom were sixty-three grandchildren and thirty-three great grandchildren.

COMPLIMENTARY.—The Richmond *Dispatch* in speaking of the celebration of the Philologian Society of Richmond College, compliments a student from Rockingham. It says:

Mr. C. E. Barglebaugh, of Rockingham, presided with dignity and ease, introduced the orators of the evening, and in his welcoming and parting words gave voice to the sentiments and emotions of his fellows.—These set speeches are difficult to make, and when one avoids the ordinary routine he deserves much credit. Mr. Barglebaugh acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of his Society and of the audience.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—On Thursday night last, Ahiram Encampment, No. 25, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing term commencing July 1st:

D. W. Pollard, Chief Patriarch; W. B. Lurty, H. P.; John E. Roller, S. W.; Wm. J. Points, Scribe; Frank L. Harris, Treasurer; T. J. Keran, J. W.

Valley Lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F., on Tuerday night last, elected the following as officers to serve for the ensuing term, ending Dec. 30, 1877: N. G., D. W. Pollard; V. G., Ran. D. Cushen; Secretary, Wm. A. Slater; Treasurer, James L. Avis; Chaplain, John E. Roller.

DEATH OF MRS. DUDLEY.—Mrs. Virginia Roland Dudley, wife of Bishop Thomas U. Dudley, formerly rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, in this place, died at Louisville, Kentucky, on Thursday last, the 21st instant. She had been in bad health for some time previous to her death.

COUNTY COURT—CRIMINAL TRIALS.—The County Court has done but little else than criminal business the present session. There are several important murder trials yet to be heared and it is propable that the Court will sit until the time for the next term rolls around. In the case of the Commonwealth vs: Jacob N. Rhodes, charged with breaking and entering an outhouse in the night time, the jury rendered a verdict of "not guilty." Liggett, Compton and Strayer for defence; Paul and Berlin for Commonwealth.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs: John Pittington, on the charge of breaking and entering an outhouse in the night time, the jury yesterday rendered a verdict of guilty, and fixed his punishment at three years in the penitentiary. Paul for the Commonwealth, and Liggett, Haas and Strayer for the defence.

SOUTHERN MUSICAL JOURNAL.—We have received a copy of this excellent journal, published at Savannah, Georgia, by Ludden & Bates. It is one of the best musical publications within our knowledge, and we cheerfully recommend it to lovers of music. The number before us has several pieces of excellant sacred music and one of secular, besides much interesting reading. In another column will be found Ludden & Bates' advertisement, containing special inducements to subscribers.

EXCURSION TRAINS.—Excursion trains on the Fourth of July will arrive as follows: On the Balto. & Ohio R. R. at 8:20 and 10:20; on the Valley R. R. at 8:40 and 8:55. Returning, trains on the B. & O. leave at 5 and 6 in the evening, and on the Valley at 5:45 and 6.

Furious Fighting in Asia.

MUKHTAR PASHA DEFEATS THE RUSSIANS IN A BATTLE LASTING 33 HOURS.

LONDON, June 25.—Reuter's telegram company has received the following dispatch from Erzeroum: After the battle of Zeidekan on June 16, the Turks having fallen back on Delibaba, the Russian left wing took possession of the Delibaba pass and fortified it. The Russian right wing having retired somewhat, Mukhtar Pasna telegraphed to Rachid Pasha to join him with nine of the twelve battallions forming the Turkish left wing. Mukhtar quitted his headquarters at Zewin on the night of June 17 for Delibaba, to take command of the Turkish right wing in person. On the following day he received reinforcements, which raised the strength of the right wing to nineteen battalions, four cavalry regiments and three batteries. The Russians in the Delibaba pass numbered 20,000, with five batteries. Several skirmishes were fought on June 20. On the 21st Mukhtar attacked the pass. The fighting lasted from 6 o'clock in the morning until 8 in the evening. The Russians were at first driven from their positions, but they afterward recaptured them and attacked the Turkish positions on the heights with charges of infantry and cavalry. The Turkish front gave way for a short time, but afterward rallied, charged the Russians and drove them back.

The Turks then opened a terrible artillery fire and compelled the Russians to fall back with heavy loss. The Turks acknowledge a loss of four hundred killed and about the same number wounded. It is reckoned the Russian losses were at least double. On the 22nd Mukhtar again fought a severe battle. The Russian cavalry were placed in an intrenchment to act as infantry, but ultimately the turks drove them out and pursued them, the Russians retreating in disorder as far as Zeidekan. The whole of the fighting lasted thirty-three hours. The Turkish loss, according to the latest accounts, was upward of 2,000 and the Russian much heavier. The Turkish headquarters are still at Zewin, where twenty-four battalions and two batteries occupy an excellent position, which is unassailable in front. On the 23rd 16,000 Russians began to advance against this position. The main body of the force is at Sarieamich, five hours' march from Zewin, and its advance guard is at Yenitakoy. It is very probable that a battle will be fought in this quarter. The Turks await the assault, and if it is not attempted they will advance and endeavor to crush this corps. Ismail Pasha, governor of Erzeroum, commands the centre during the absence of Mukhtar Pasha. So far all attacks on Kars have been repulsed with loss.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 25.—The Turkish newspaper *Bassiret* announces the capitulation of the Russians at Bayazid. Dervish Pasha telegraphs from Batoum on June 23: "We have repulsed several attacks of the Russians, and finally compelled them to withdraw their batteries and retreat with a loss of 1,500 killed and wounded.—Darkness coming on, we could not bring up our artillery, and therefore did not occupy the intrenchments which the Russians abandoned, but returned to our former positions."

Further details of the great fire at St. John's N. B., show that three-quarters of the city was burned, including public buildings, the largest dry goods houses, fine residences, banks, commission houses and the hotels. Meetings for relief have been held in Portland, Bangor and other cities in Maine. A train left Bangor Friday night with cooked provisions for the sufferers—The fire is said to have had its origin on the lumber wharves. The Victoria Hotel, the largest hotel in the province, was consumed. Nearly the whole business part of the city was consumed. Many of the buildings were very fine and of recent construction. Many of the old buildings were of granite and very substantial, but the flames swept everything. Several newspaper offices were also destroyed. Dispatches have been sent from St. John's to various cities in the United States stating the melancholy situation of affairs and that fifteen thousand people are homeless.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM BRIDGEWATER.

SCRAPS.—Rain, rain, rain is the general cry.

River very muddy. Good eel season.

Some of our sidewalks might be improved.

Gen. Mahone is no favorite in this section of Rockingham.

How about those "pegs" we see "planted" to keep the pedestrians "off of the grass?"

Pic nics are good things, only they put a fellow's expansive capacities so to the test.

Spring chickens are now in order. We move that some one furnish us with a dozen.

Nice cherries are being sold at from 15 to 20 cents per gallon.

Mr. Jas. E. Summerland has opened a beef market here. Good beef furnished twice a week at reasonable prices.

If you want your private affairs attended to, we know some people who will do it cheaply.

It produces a very pleasant sensation to unexpectedly meet up with a post, on a dark night, when you are walking hurriedly.

We wonder why the limbs of the shade trees here slap us in the face when we ride along the streets. We are not conscious of ever having insulted any of them. If they do it again we will call on the council for protection.

Our aged friend, Mr. Wm. Fraley, and his good lady have gone to Highland county to visit their son, Mr. G. W. Fraley, and his family. May good health attend them, their journey be pleasant and their return safe.

ENGLISH SPARROW.—Our town is being abundantly supplied with this bird of doubtful utility. We have closely watched them since they come among us, and apart from their pugilistic proclivities, do not think them superior in any respect to many of our native birds. As songsters they are decided failures; but for impudence and combativeness they hardly have a superior. We noticed a short time ago a box which was occupied by a family of blue birds, all seeming content and happy until a brace of covetous English Sparrows decided to appropriate it to their own use, and they not only drove the parent birds from it, but destroyed the young and ensconsed themselves in what was once the pleasant and happy home of the blue bird, thus adding murder to robbery. Let the boys kill the English Sparrows, as it will not be long before they will become an intolerable nuisance.

MASONIC PIC-NIC.—The members of Eureka Lodge, A. F. A. M., and their friends had a pic nic on the river side below Bridgewater on Saturday last. As usual on such occasions, everything that heart could wish in the way of dainties and substantials was spread upon the carpet of green and freely partaken of by those present. It is useless to try to describe the dinner, but we simply say, which is the greatest compliment that could be paid it, that it was gotten up by the ladies of Bridgewater and vicinity. The day was delightfully cool, and everything passed off most pleasantly. The young people indulged in boat rides on the tranquil North River, besides amusing themselves in various other ways. Owing to the busy season, very few of the country members were present, which was a source of regret to those who did attend. The Masonic Lodge here is in a very healthy and prosperous condition. N. W. ORB.

DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL—ITS CLOSE.

MR EDITOR:—As anticipated in a former note, the closing exercises of the above-named institution was altogether a success. The examination of classes was conducted during the day from Monday until Thursday morning. As usual, some of the students were embarrassed or unprepared, and did not do so well as expected, while others acquitted themselves well. At 10 a. m., Thursday the grades were read in the presence of the students and quite a number of spectators. All felt that the result of their work was now being made known. The end speaks for their effort. The closing remarks of the teachers brought forward prominently the thought that the students were now going on alone to battle in the world, and that God's help was necessary to success. A word of prayer was addressed to a heavenly throne of grace, and all parted feeling that they were not to live to themselves. But it is more particularly of the public entertainments that we wish to speak. To one viewing from the outside, this is always the most interesting, and our highest expectations were realized during the three evenings—June 12, 13 and 14.

On Tuesday evening a real treat was given. The exercises consisted of orations, essays, dialogues, declamations, etc., and these were enlivened with plenty of most excellent music. So well pleased were we that we determined to be numbered among the crowd of the following evening, and this was even better than the previous entertainment. Who could help being pleased when everything conspired to render all things pleasant both to the eye and ear. Due attention was paid to beautifying the Church in which the exercises were held, and it was real pretty. The original productions consisted of orations and essays, and these were above the average ones of similar occasions. Besides displaying considerable native talent, they showed thought and preparation and were applauded by the crowd. The recitations, dialogues and declamations were excellent. In these the children excelled. No wonder that in Dayton you now find so many proud parents. As we looked upon these little ones, arrayed in pure white and almost literally covered with flowers, our hearts beat more lightly and joyous. We were certainly made better. The music, too, was of a high order, and did much to attract and please. Mr. Funk, the music teacher, deserves credit for having his class so well drilled.

Upon these evenings it looked as if there was no end to the flowers. Each seemed to vie with the other to see who could have the nicest bouquet. Every speaker had plenty of friends in town to supply his needs in the floral line.

On Thursday evening Rev. Mr. Hott brought before us clearly and forcibly the life and character of "Edgar Allen Poe. The most perfect acquaintance with the subject of his lecture, combined with ease and elegance of expression, rendered the occasion both pleasant and profitable. After prayer by Rev. J. S. Loose and music by members of the vocal class, he held the audience attentive for almost an hour. To Mr. Hott we say come again.

With this closes the Dayton High School, to open in the fall under the name of the "SHENANDOAH SEMINARY," after the great Valley in which it is located. Our prayer is that it may long live to defend the truth and to disseminate light. OCCASIONAL.

WANTED—Board in the mountains for two ladies and a young child, in a private family or at some quiet hotel. Terms must be moderate. Address, stating rate per month for two months.

EVERETT WADDY,
No. 3 Governor st., Richmond, Va.

(For the Commonwealth.)

The New Movement—Informal Reform Meeting at Harrisonburg.

On Monday, June 18th, County Court day, notice was circulated on the streets calling together such as felt like hearing an explanation of the "Workingmen's Practical Reform Association" movement to assemble at Masonic Hall. Owing to the many objects claiming the attention of the people on that day and the shortness of the notice, the meeting was not a large one, but intelligent representative men were present from all parts of the county, to the number of about seventy.

The President of the State Association read the constitution, objects, principles, etc., of the Workingmen's Practical Reform Association of Va., and supported it in a speech of near an hour full of strong arguments, which was well received. The following resolution was then read and adopted, about two-thirds of those present voting for it, and none against it:

"RESOLVED, That we, the representatives of the working classes from almost all parts of Rockingham, in meeting assembled at Harrisonburg, having just listened with much interest to the presentation of the subject of the "Workingmen's Practical Reform Association of Virginia," as set forth in their statement of objects, principles, constitution, pledges, &c., and fully endorsing the same, respectfully unite in the request that the Press throughout the State will publish the same entire for the information of the many people who desire to be made acquainted with the objects of the movement."

The county papers were also requested to give publicity to this informal meeting.

[So far as the COMMONWEALTH is concerned, we will most cheerfully comply with the above request as soon as we conveniently can.—ED.]

(For the Commonwealth.)

Examination of Teachers.

We desire to call the attention of teachers to the approaching examination, and, perhaps, offer some suggestions in reference thereto. Our observation of the school room work the past two sessions has convinced us, beyond a doubt, that next to a thorough knowledge of the branches taught, the one thing needful for a teacher is administrative ability. By this we mean not only ability to discipline and control a school, but capacity also to organize and classify it; to infuse interest into the minds of the pupils; secure and keep their attention; draw out and develop their faculties; teach them how to study, and last, but not least, capacity to impart knowledge.

I am well aware that many teachers think that a knowledge of the branches to be taught (and this should be thorough) constitutes the only important qualification of a teacher; that everything else must of necessity depend upon the particular circumstances surrounding each school. This, to a limited extent, is true of some of the minor details of school teaching, but there are many things applicable alike to all. Such, for instance, as a well matured plan or programme of daily exercises; thorough classification in all the branches taught; system and method of conducting recitations, &c., without which no teacher can make his school a success. Any man who will visit the schools of this county or any considerable number of them, and I believe they are as good as those of any other county, will be struck with the want of uniformity in system, method and plan of teaching. I do not say that ALL teachers, or even a majority of them, are thus wanting to any considerable extent, for such is not the case. I believe our teachers to day as a whole are better qualified in these or in other respects, than were teachers of any ante period, and certainly far superior to to those of eight years ago; but, that there are, nevertheless, many sadly deficient still, cannot be denied.

You go into some schools and see system and order everywhere, without any apparent effort on the part of the teacher; a general interest in study pervades the whole school; the teacher adheres rigidly to his programme; each pupil knows exactly when he will be called on to recite; that each lesson must be thoroughly prepared; and you will find perfect harmony throughout the school.

In other schools you will notice a total absence of all these, and instead thereof, a general restlessness, impatience, and want of interest. The teacher stamps and scolds, and thinks how hard it is to keep order. He will perhaps tell you that his pupils are advancing very rapidly, but it is manifest to the most casual observer that they are not learning. They may be passing on in the books.

These differences are due to differences in method and in administrative ability. Things which are not always born in teachers, they may be studied and learned like the branches taught, and are comprehended in the general title of "Theory and Practice of Teaching," which, we wish it distinctly understood, will form part of every examination this Fall.—We shall also examine on the principles of Spencerian penmanship, and the methods of teaching it. A word to the wise is sufficient.

We shall endeavor to make the Teachers' Institute as instructive on these subjects as possible, but as it will not be held until after the examination, say about the 10th of October, it would be well for teachers to look elsewhere for a knowledge of these branches.

We would suggest, therefore, that teachers study standard works on Theory and Practice of Teaching, or, what is far better, take a Normal course at Bridgewater or elsewhere during the Summer vacation. I have observed closely the workings of our schools the last two sessions, and unhesitatingly say that the work, as a whole, done by teachers who have attended our Normal Schools, is far superior to that done by others. Of course there are exceptions to this rule on both sides. There are many good teachers who have not had normal training, and there are some poor ones who have had, but the rule is decidedly in favor of the Normal students. Some will say, perhaps, that they cannot afford to teach at such low salaries and then attend the Normal. We answer that you ought not to want to teach at all unless you are in every way fully qualified. We admit that the salary is low, but that can only be remedied by raising the grade of teachers. Make your schools so good that the people wont do without your services, and they will not hesitate to pay you. The great law of trade—supply and demand—generally regulates the salaries of teachers as it does everything else. Lower the standard of teaching till every one who attends some public school two or three sessions, can get a certificate, and you will bring the salary much lower yet. On the contrary raise your standard commensurate with the dignity that should attach to it, and the salary will go up correspondingly. No man ought to follow any profession who is not willing to use every means to make himself proficient in it. Our public school system is no longer an experiment, it is a fixed fact, a part of the organic law of the State, and every one who enters its corps of teachers should qualify himself to discharge the varied and responsible duties pertaining thereto with credit to himself, honor to the profession, and credit to the State.

Very respectfully, J. HAWSE,
County Sup't of Schools.

Harrisonburg, Va., 25th, 1877.

IT NEVER FAILS WHEN PROPERLY USED—MORE PROOF FOR DR. HARPER'S COMPOUND.—I have been a great sufferer for years with Neuralgia, and I have tried remedy after remedy and all failed. Finally I thought I would try Dr. Harper's Compound, and I can safely say that it has given me more general relief than anything I have taken. I cheerfully recommend this medicine to all who are afflicted with this terrible disease. MRS. C. WARD.
Harrisonburg, Va.

If you want the worth of your money, buy your Clothing of B. M. SWITZER & SON.

(For the Commonwealth.)

Reform Meeting on Dry River.

On Saturday last, 23rd inst., in pursuance of previous notice, the farmers, mechanics and business men and laborers of the vicinity of Rosenberger's Store, near Dry River, met at that place for the purpose of examining the plan of reform as set forth in the "Statement of the object, plan of organization, Constitution, &c., of the Workingmen's Practical Reform Association of Virginia. There was a good turnout of the people, who seemed to feel keenly, as they do everywhere in the State, the need of reform. After the reading of the constitution, &c., by the President of the State Association, supported by able arguments, all decided that it was a matter highly deserving the support of the people, and regarded the movement as a When the roll was presented for signatures much-needed panacea for Virginia's ills. they came forward with remarkable unanimity and cheerfulness and signed it, to the extent of more than four fifths of all the adults present, who then organized themselves into a primary association, officered as follows: D. P. Rosenberger, Canvasser; John A. Hess, Chairman; A. A. Hess, Secretary.

After adopting a resolution requesting the county papers to publish the proceedings, the association adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock, p. m., July 21st.

The meeting was a decided success, not receiving a nominal support, as is too often the case in public movements, but all went away its advocates, and judging from the interest manifested by and the character of the people present, the most sanguine expectations of the originators of the movement, and the friends of it elsewhere, will be fully met at this point.

WILLIAM LILLY, Chairman.
JOHN G. ROBINSON } Associates.
JOHN A. HESS }
A. B. FUNK, Secretary.

A bold attempt was made Friday night to rob the express car of a train bound east on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway. Four men entered the car soon after the train left Legonier, Ind., and were about to bind the messenger when they were confronted and captured after a desperate struggle by the chief of police of Toledo, Ohio, and a force of men who had been warned of the attempt, and were concealed in the car. The robbers are all young men and residents of Noble county, Ind.

To the Public.

I hereby inform my friends and patrons that I have connected myself with the Virginia Land Bureau, an association formed for the sale of agricultural, mineral lands and real estate generally. The superior facilities afforded by this Bureau for the handling of all sorts of properties, will commend it to public favor.

It will enjoy a larger scope and broader field of operations than any other in Virginia. All my contracts and options remain in force as heretofore, and my old customers may rest assured that their interests will be faithfully and promptly attended to. I am confident that the Virginia Land Bureau will be most successful in accomplishing the objects for which I have been laboring so long.—the attracting of immigration and capital to our beautiful Valley.

Very respect'y, J. D. PRICE.
Office Virginia Land Bureau.

SECOND ROUND QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.—Strasburg, June 30th and July 1st; Woodstock and Edinburg, July 7th and 8th; New Market, July 7th and 8th; Rockingham Circuit, July 14th and 15th; Harrisonburg, July 14th and 15th; Bridgewater, July 21st and 22nd; Churchville, July 21st and 22nd; Staunton, July 28th and 29th; Mt. Sidney, August 4th and 5th; Port Republic, Aug. 4th and 5th; East Rockingham, August 11th and 12th; Furnace, August 11th and 12th; Shenandoah Iron Works, August 18th and 19th; Luray, August 25th and 26th.

Rockingham District Conference will be held at Harrisonburg first Wednesday in September. DAVID THOMAS, P. E.

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REV. R. L. SIMPSON, Louisville, Ky.

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Dr. Tutt has been engaged in the practice of medicine thirty years, and for a long time was demonstrator of anatomy in the Medical College of Georgia, hence persons using his Pills have the guarantee that they are prepared on scientific principles, and are free from all quackery.

He has succeeded in combining in them the heretofore antagonistic qualities of a *strengthening, purgative, and a purifying tonic.*

Their first apparent effect is to increase the appetite by causing the food to properly assimilate. Thus the system is nourished, and by their tonic action on the digestive organs, regular and healthy evacuations are produced.

The rapidity with which *persons take on flesh,* while under the influence of these pills, of itself indicates their adaptability to nourish the body, and hence their efficacy in curing nervous debility, melancholy, dyspepsia, wasting of the muscles, sluggishness of the liver, chronic constipation, and imparting health and strength to the system. Sold everywhere. Office, 35 Murray Street, New York.

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Gray Hair can be changed to a glossy black by a single application of Dr. Tutt's Hair Dye. It acts like magic, and is warranted as harmless as water. Price $1.00. Office 35 Murray St., N. Y.

WHAT IS QUEEN'S DELIGHT?

Read the Answer

It is a plant that grows in the South, and is specially adapted to the cure of diseases of that climate. It is

NATURE'S OWN REMEDY,

Entering at once into the blood, expelling all scrofulous, syphilitic, and rheumatic affections. Alone, it is a searching alterative, but when combined with Sarsaparilla, Yellow Dock, and other herbs, it forms

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The most powerful blood purifier known to medical science for the cure of old ulcers, diseased joints, foul discharges from the ears and nostrils, abscesses, skin diseases, dropsy, kidney complaint, evil effects of secret practices, disordered liver and spleen. Its use strengthens the nervous system imparts a fair complexion, and builds up the body with

HEALTHY, SOLID FLESH.

As an antidote to syphilitic poison it is strongly recommended. Hundreds of cases of the worst type have been radically cured by it. Being purely vegetable its continued use will do no harm. The best time to take it is during the summer and fall; and instead of debility, headache, fever and ague, you will enjoy robust health. Sold by all druggists. Price, $1.00. Office, 35 Murray Street, New York.

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THE undersigned will open on Thursday, June 14, 1877, in the store situated on the corner of Main and East Market streets, formerly Wm. Ott's stand, a

CASH STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS STORE.

Having bought for cash an entire new stock of goods from the New York market, at the present very low prices, we trust by personal attention to the trade, and a fair dealing with all, to merit a share of the public patronage. We give below a few of the articles in our stock:

BLACK SILKS!

Black Cashmeres, Black Brilliantines, Black and Colored Alpacas, Silk and Wool Dress Goods, Pure Mohairs, DeBeges, Poplins, a job lot of medium and low priced Dress Goods, Linen Suitings and genuine French Chambrays, Percales, Cambrics, Prints.

WHITE GOODS,

Dotted and Plain Swiss Muslins, Plain, Check and Stripe Jaconets, Plain, Stripe and Check Nainsooks, Victoria Lawns, Stripe French Organdies India Twills, Stripe and Figured Piques, Hair Cords.

TABLE LINENS!

Bleached and Unbleached Damask, Napkins, Table Covers, Turkey Red, Towels from the finest Damask to the low priced Crashes, Bleached and Unbleached Shirtings.

HOSIERY!

A full line of Ladies' & Misses Plain and Fancy Hose.

KID GLOVES!

An elegant line of Corsets, Cord, Edging, and Gross Grain Ribbons in all widths and shades.

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COTTONADES AND WOOL TWEEDS

FOR MEN'S AND BOYS' WEAR.

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FOR SALE.

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1st—A Small Farm of 60 ACRES, lying near Mt. Clinton: equal to any land in Rockingham county; water in every field; good dwelling house, barn and out-buildings. The above, altogether is one of the most valuable and desirable little properties in Rockingham county.

2d—13 ACRES of Woodland, near the 60 acre tract. This will be sold with the above named tract or not as desired.

3rd—I also offer a splendid Circular Saw-Mill, three miles above Rawley Springs, with 500 Acres of Land, 100 of which is Farming Land. This would be a good situation for a public house. There is upon this tract a good dwelling-house and barn. The timber is of excellent quality. This tract can be so divided as to make good grazing farms.

4th—A tract of 150 ACRES of land on Skidmore's Fork. All bottom land; fine cattle range; a good, new saw-mill and a small house. The finest timber in the county.

These mountain tracts would suit persons for summer grazing, and can be divided to suit purchasers. All the above property is in good condition, and will be sold on easy terms.

Such variety and quality of lands, with equal capacity of division, are seldom offered for sale, but desiring to bring my business together so that I can more readily control it, I now offer them for sale upon easy terms, and at moderate prices.

Address me at Mt. Clinton, Rockingham co., Va.,
JAMES C. HELTZEL.
feb. 22-tf.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY IN McGAHEYSVILLE.

BY virtue of a decree rendered by the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Virginia, on the 11th day of June, 1877, in the matter of Reuben Bonds, bankrupt, I, as assignee of said bankrupt, will

On Saturday, the 7th day of July, 1877,

proceed to sell at public auction in front of the south door of the Court House of Rockingham county, the valuable

HOUSE AND LOT

surrendered by the bankrupt, situated in McGaheysville, in Rockingham county, and now occupied by said Reuben Bonds. The house is a large, well arranged dwelling, with all necessary out-houses, good garden, and about 18 acres of land which will be divided and sold in lots to suit purchasers.

TERMS:—Enough cash in hand to pay costs of sale and sale and all costs incurred in former advertisements and attempts to sell the property, and the balance on a credit of one, two and three years, with interest from day of sale till paid, purchaser to give bond with good security, and title to be retained as ultimate security.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock A. M.

CHAS. A. YANCEY, Assignee of R. Bonds.

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OLD COMMONWEALTH.

HARRISONBURG, VA ,.....JUNE 28, 1877.

The Last Siege of Gibraltar.

The most memorable, in some respects, of all the 14 sieges to which Gibraltar has been subjected was the last, called the "great siege," one of the mighty struggles of history, which began in the year 1779. The famous Gen. Elliot was commander of the fortress. Spain, in alliance with France and Morocco, endeavored to surprise Gibraltar, but a Swedish ship gave Elliot the alarm. The garrison comprised but five companies of artillery, and the whole force was less than 5,500 men. The enemy's force was 14,000. The siege began by the blockadding of the port and a camp was formed at San Roque with a design of starving out the garrison. When the English Governor resolved to open fire upon his besiegers, a lady in the garrison fired the first shot. Never did a siege war rage more furiously than did this for nearly three y a's. The garrison was often reduced to sore straits for food; "a goose was worth a guinea," and Elliot tried upon himself the experiment of living upon four ounces of rice a day for a week. Exciting stories are told of the privateers that ran in, amid terrible dangers, with provisions, and of the storms which threw welcome wood and cork within reach of the besseighed. The rock at one time would surely have been taken had it not been for Admiral Rodney, who captured a small fleet of Spanish war ships and merchantmen, and clearing the strait of besiegers, brought his prize into port. But all danger was not yet averted.—The enemy crept closer and closer to the fortress, but relief coming every now and then enabled the English still to hold out. The bombardments were fearful to endure. "The city was almost destroyed; scarcely a house habitable, and those left standing pierced by shot and shell." At one time the desperate garrison fell to plundering the town. Elliott shot the leaders in this outrage. The long agony, full of terrific combats and frightful privations, ended by the final abandonment of the siege early in 1783. If in that year the English had to make up their minds that they must let go their American colonies, they had at least the consolation that Gibraltar was still theirs.—*Harper's Magazine.*

Why are chickens' necks like door bells? Because they are often wrung for company.

GEO. FILBERT'S

—EXCELSIOR—

BAKERY and CONFECTIONERY,

POST-OFFICE BUILDING, MAIN STREET,

HARRISONBURG, VA.

THIS establishment has been put into operation at a very considerable expense, and is now fitted up in first-class style, and filled with a large and superior stock. It is unnecessary to enter into a detail of everything to be had in this house; suffice it to say that all goods in the way of

Confectioneries, Toys and Notions

will be found here, together with Tobacco, Segars, American and Foreign Fruits, etc.

☞Special attention given to orders for Cakes, Bread, Ornamental and Plain Confectioneries, etc., for parties weddings, balls, pic-nics, fairs, &c.

ICE CREAM! FRUIT ICES!

The ICE CREAM season is here, and I am selling Ice Cream and Fruit Ices, fresh at all hours, day and evening, of the very best quality, and of the purest and choicest flavoring. My Ice Cream Saloon is fitted up to accommodate ladies and gentlemen or parties.

A call respectfully solicited. Everything about my establishment will be found first-class.

A full bill of fare of everything nice, cool and refreshing, for the Summer season, will al ways be found at my establishment.

My arrangeme ts enable me to keep just such an establishment as will accommodate the wants of the people of both town and county, and all are invited to give me a call. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Respectfully, &c.,

may24-tf GEORGE FILBERT.

SEWING MACHINES

—AT—

BOTTOM FIGURES.

HAVING been among the first to put down the price of Sewing Machines, I still keep below the prices asked by most other agents. The following is

MY NEW PRICE LIST:

	Former Price.	New Price.
New Family Singer	$60 to 75	$27 to 35
New Domestic	70 to 85	40 to 60
New Wheeler & Wilson	60 to 85	30 to 45
New Howe	60 to 75	30 to 45
New St. John	60 to 75	40 to 50
New White Shuttle	60 to 75	30 to 45
New Davis	60 to 80	30 to 45
New Wilson	60 to 75	30 to 45
New Home	60 to 75	30 to 45
New Florence	60 to 75	25 to 35
Little Monitor, (3 stitches,)	55 to 75	40 to 55
Buckeye	20 to 45	16 to 25
Home Shuttle	20 to 45	16 to 25
Willcox and Gibbs, (Old style,)	56 to 75	40 to 50
Willcox and Gibbs (Automatic)		50 to 60
Common Sense	18 to 35	12 to 25

Other Machines at same rates.

All kinds of Sewing Machines repaired. Needles, Oil and all sorts of Attachments for sale.

Orders from a distance promptly attended to. It will pay to call and examine before buying elsewhere.

june14-tf GEO. O. CONRAD.

STIEFF

HIGHEST AWARD AT THE CENTENNIAL

Diploma of Honor and Medal of Merit, for

GRAND, SQUARE AND UPRIGHT

—PIANOS!—

The principal points of superiority in the STIEFF Pianos are brilliant singing quality of tone, with great power—evenness of touch throughout the entire scale, faultless action, unsurpassed durability, and unexcelled workmanship.

A large variety of Second-hand Pianos, of all makers, constantly in store, and ranging in prices from $75 to $300.

We are also Sole Agents for the Southern States of

The Matchless Burdett Organs,

the best now made. A full supply of every style constantly in store, and sold on the most liberal terms.

For Terms and Illustrated Catalogues of Pianos and Organs, address

CHAS. M. STIEFF.

No. 9 North Liberty Street,

june21,'77 y Baltimore, Md.

BOILED Linseed Oil, Fish Oil, Neatsfoot Oil, Lubricating Oils, Castor Oil, Sweet Oil, &c., &c., which will be sold as cheap as they can be purchased any where in the town, at the Old Established Stand.

L. H. OTT.

UPHOLSTERING, and MATTRESS made any size on short notice. R. C. PAUL

GO and SEE the new Spring Millinery, at Miss D. E. PINKUS', near Masonic Hall, Main street.

SCYTHES! SCYTHES! English "Waldron" Grain and Grass Scythes, for sale at

TREIBER & GASSMAN'S.

THE largest and finest assortment of Mechanics' Tools, to be had at

may10 ROHR, SPRINKEL & CO'S.

A LARGE lot of Stock and 'Eagle' Farm Bells just received and for sale cheap at

may10 ROHR, SPRINKEL & CO'S.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BUTTER

Butter! Butter!

BUTTER!

WANTED!

There is a decidedly better feeling for FINE BUTTER in Washington than has prevailed for some time past. This is chiefly owing to the fact, that the Western shipments of good Fall and Winter packed is falling off, and as we have an unrivalled trade and demand for the

Fine Brand of Butter

we are putting up, we are now able to announce to our customers and the community generally, that we will

Buy all the No. 1, Fresh Spring House Butter that may be brought to us,

(if it be 1000 pounds a day,)

At prices far above the prices of the general trade, and fully equal to any dealer in the County or Valley or State, and will

Pay Cash or Trade

for same, as best suits customers. For all grades below "fine" we pay in merchandise a very liberal price according to grade. ☞Bring it in, from miles around and from all parts of the county.

Respectfully,

E. SIPE.

Linville, Va., June 7, 1877.

ADVICE TO THOSE DESIRING TO PURCHASE A

SEWING MACHINE!

CENTENNIAL LAURELS!

A Triple Crown

FOR

WHEELER & WILSON!

Three Medals and Three Diplomas.

THE ABOVE FULLY DEMONSTRATES THE SUPERIORITY OF THE WORLD RENOWNED WHEELER & WILSON SEWING MACHINE.

GREAT

Inducements offered to Cash Purchasers.

ADDRE S SIMPLY,

Wheeler & Wilson Manufact'g Co.,

914 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

OR,

S. F. SANGER & CO.

Bridgewater, Va.

DRESS GOODS!

DRESS GOODS!

DRESS GOODS!

CHEAP!

CHEAPER!

CHEAPEST!

Call and see for yourself the great decline at

A. H. HELLER'S.

COMBINATIONS WON'T WIN

AGAINST THE

Greatest Clothing House

IN AMERICA. OF

JOHN WANAMAKER, PHILADELPHIA,

carrying more than $100,000 in stock.

HARPER

IS ALIVE AGAIN!

Go see him before buying your Clothing!

Full line of splendid samples for Summer Clothing 30 per cent. cheaper than any other first-class dealer can offer.

FULL LICENSE FROM STATE AUDITOR!

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!

☞Call and see— C. N. HARPER,

Agent for John Wanamaker, the proprietor of the Great Oak Hall Clothing House, Philadelphia, In Partlow & Lambert Building, (up stairs,) Main St, Harrisonburg, Va.

No. 1 POTOMAC HERRING,

New Mackeral,

AND

FULL LINE OF GROCERIES.

FELLOWS & YANCEY,

OPPOSITE THE SPOTSWOOD HOTEL.

Another Novelty!

IN the SHOE line I offer r novelty—a shoe of my own invention—which is conceded to be ahead of anything in the shape of a Summer Shoe yet offered. It is my own invention, and for comfort to the wearer is unequalled, and in neatness unexcelled. It is denominated the "ADONNIS," and for gentlemen only A glance at th is elegant shoe will delight the most fastidious. Call and see. MADE ONLY by

CHAS. R. GIBBS,

june14-4w Post-Office Building, Main Street.

LAKE HERRING, SALT, &C.

A FEW half barrels Lake Herring, just to hand. 100 Sacks Fine Salt. Five Gross Fruit Jars all kinds and at lowest prices.

june14-tf HENRY SHACKLETT.

Notice to Farmers.

THE Excelsior Reaper and Mower repairs have been placed with us, by John W. Earman, general agent, for sale, at our Agricultural Warehouse, East-Market street.

may24 TREIBER A GASSMAN.

HAVING enlarged our room and warehouse we have added largely to our stock of Iron, Nails, Horse-shoes, and Horse-shoe Nails, all of which will be sold at the lowest prices.

may10 ROHR, SPRINKEL & CO.

GROUND ALUM SALT, Ashton's and other brands of fine Salt—100 sacks just received by

jan11 HENRY SHACKLETT.

MERCHANDISE.

ROHR, SPRINKEL & CO.,

Dealers in Foreign and American

HARDWARE!

MAIN STREET,

A few Doors North of the Post-Office,

HARRISONBURG, VA.

FULL STOCK!

"BOTTOM" PRICES!

CALL and examine our stock of "Cottage" Cook Stoves, which are equal to any offered in this market, and see the testimonials of those who have them in use in this county.

mar1-tf ROHR, SPRINKEL & CO.

JOSEPH NEY,

—DEALER IN—

FRENCH AND AMERICAN CANDIES, NUTS, FRUITS,

CANNED FRUITS,

CRACKERS,

CAKES, CHEESE,

MACARONI, TEAS, SPICES,

COFFEE, TOYS, CROQUET SETS,

CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES,

BALLS, TOPS,

JEWELRY,

NOTIONS,

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS,

Tobacco, Cigars, Pipes, Snuff, &c.

STOREROOM,

SPRINKEL BUILDING,

One door above Treiber & Gassman's Hardware Store.

Give Me A Call!

I WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD BY ANYBODY.

Respectfully,

may24-tf JOSEPH NEY.

ARCTIC

SODA FOUNTAIN

OPENED FOR THE SEASON AT

JAMES L. AVIS' DRUG STORE!

SODA WATER, CONGRESS WATER and PERUVIAN BEER on draught, drawn from new and well protected Fountains.

The Coldest, Purest, Best, in the Valley.

My Syrups are of the choicest kinds and prepared from the best materials.

Those who desire health and desire a pure and wholesome Beverage will patronize the Arctic Fountain at

may3-tf JAMES L. AVIS' Drug Store.

NEW ARRIVAL

—OF—

Choice Spring Millinery,

AND STYLISH NOVELTIES.

OPENING DAYS—THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 27 AND 28, 1877.

MISS D. E. PINKUS respectfully informs the public that her Spring stock is arriving, all fresh and the latest styles, embracing all goods in the Millinery and Dress Trimming line. List of goods given hereafter. Stock full and complete.

Thankful for past generous patronage, the continued favors of my friends and the public are earnestly solicited. I shall constantly endeavor to please.

In prices and styles of goods competition is defied.

Store next door to J. L. Avis' Drug Store, and near the Masonic building.

☞A call from YOU is requested.

Respectfully,

april19 DELIA E. PINKUS.

SECOND SPLENDID SPRING STOCK

JUST RECEIVED. CALL!

AT THE VARIETY STORE

You will find a large and fresh stock of

SUMMER GOODS,

just received from the Eastern cities. Purchased for the cash since the late decline in prices.

Great inducements can and will be offered.

HENRY SHACKKETT.

may24-tf

SOMETHING NEW AGAIN!

I TAKE great pleasure in making known to the citizens of Harrisonburg, and my friends generally, that I have added to my produce store a fine assortment of

CHOICE GROCERIES.

Sugars, Coffees, Candies, &c., in fact almost every thing in that line of trade.

I am receiving every day almost any and everything that can be eaten by man or beast.

☞Remember the stand: No. 1, Bank Row, in the room formerly occupied by Wm. S. Kennedy.

I desire to purchase and will pay CASH for Flour, Bacon, Butter, Eggs, Lard, Vegetables and Fruit of all kinds. Give me a call.

mar22-1y1 A. C. ROHR.

Carding, Spinning, Weaving,

FULLING AND DYEING,

DONE TO ORDER ON SHORT NOTICE.

WE are prepared and ready to do Carding, Spinning, Weaving, Fulling and Dyeing in the shortest time, in the best manner and upon the most reasonable terms at Berlin's Factory at Bridgewater (the lower Factory.) We will also exchange Cloth, Yarns, and work for WOOL at fair prices, and purchase Wool at market rates, and we respectfully invite the patronage of the people of Rockingham, Augusta and Highland. The manufacturing will be done by and under the management of M.. R. C. Johnston, the able and experienced manufacturer who ran this Factory during the last three years.

apr26-tf BERLIN & BRYAN.

IF you want the worth of your money, buy your Clothing of D. M. SWITZER & SON.

DRUGS, &C.

1856. ESTABLISHED 1856.

LUTHER H. OTT,

DRUGGIST

NEW LARGE DRUG BUILDING, MAIN ST.,

HARRISONBURG, VA.

RESPECTFULLY informs the public, and especially the Medical profession, that he has in store, and is constantly receiving large additions to his superior stock of

DRUGS, MEDICINES, CHEMICALS,

PATENT MEDICINES,

White Lead, Painters' Colors, Oils for Painting,

LUBRICATING AND TANNERS' OILS.

VARNISHES, DYES, PUTTY, SPICES,

WINDOW GLASS.

Notions, Fancy Articles &c., &c

I offer for sale a large and well selected assortment embracing a varied stock, all warranted of the best quality.

I am prepared to furnish physicians and others with articles in my line at as reasonable rates as any other establishment in the Valley.

Special attention paid to the compounding of Physicians' Prescriptions.

Public patronage respectfully solicited.

oct1 L. H. OTT.

JAMES L. AVIS,

DRUGGIST AND PHARMACIST.

GARDEN AND FLOWER SEEDS.—I have a full assortment of all kinds, which are fresh and true to name. For sale at

JAMES L. AVIS' Drug Store.

HORSE AND CATTLE POWDERS.—They ward off disease, refresh and invigorate the system, and thereby greatly enhance the value of stock. Every farmer should feed them to his stock in the spring. For sale at JAMES L. AVIS' Drug Store.

TRUSSES AND SHOULDER BRACES.—I have in stock a fine lot of Trusses of improved patterns, and am prepared to fit any case of Rupture. Also a large stock of ladies' and gentlemen's Shoulder Braces, which draw the shoulders up and back, relieving the Chest of their contracting weight, giving a perfect expansion of every air-cell of the lungs, and imparting health activity by allowing a full respiration. For sale at JAMES L. AVIS' Drug Store.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES.—A full assortment of everything appertaining to the drug business, which will be sold at the lowest prices. Physicians prescriptions and the compounding of Medicines receives special attention under my immediate supervision. Persons needing anything in my line will consult their interests by giving me a call.

JAMES L. AVIS, Druggist.

JAMES L. AVIS'S DRUG STORE,

Nearly Opposite the Revere and Spotswood Hotels,

HARRISONBURG, VA.

FELLOWS & YANCEY

DEALERS IN

Groceries and Queensware,

Opposite Spotswood Hotel,

HARRISONBURG, VA.

Jan 11, 1877.

GEO. S. CHRISTIE,

FASHIONABLE

MERCHANT TAILOR,

HAS just received, at his old stand, near Ott's Drug Store, Main street, Harrisonburg, Va., his supply of goods, consisting of

Cloths, Casimeres, Vestings,

Including a large variety of new styles of summer goods for gents' wear, such as Cravats, Ties, Bows, Scarfs, Collars, English Hose, Gloves, Patent Yoke Suspenders, Undershirts, Drawers, Coat and Vest Bindings, Tailors' Trimmings, etc., etc.

His stock embraces all goods suitable for gentlemen's wear, of standard and fashionable styles, and he offers them at honest, living profits.

I respectfully return my thanks for the past patronage bestowed upon me. I shall endeavor to merit a continuance of public patronage.

☞Call at my old stand.

April 19 G. S. CHRISTIE.

JAMES E. OTT,

DEALER IN

READY-MADE COLTHING,

HATS, BOOTS, SHOES,

UMBRELLAS, TRAVELING BAGS,

VALISES, TRUNKS, AND

Gents' Furnishing Goods Generally,

HARRISONBURG, VA.

Main St., opp, Court House,

☞Ladies' Shoes, Men's and Boys' Shoes and Hats a specialty.

☞We offer the best quality of goods, and defy competion as to prices. Reader, you are invited to call. April 19—3m

FURNITURE! FURNITURE!

BEDSTEADS, BUREAUS, WARDROBES, SIDE-BOARDS SAFES, CRIBS, LOUNGES, SOFAS, HATRACKS, TABLES, all styles, WASHSTANDS, CENTRE MARBLE-TOP TABLES, also chairs of all styles and kinds. Also, MATTRESSES of all kinds

All Shuck Mattress..... $4.00 to $4 50.
Shuck and Cotton top Mattress.....$5.00 to $6.50.
" Bound " " " .....$5.50 to $6.00.

Small mattresses $3 to $4 acording to size. Also on hand No. 1 Hair, and four dozen Steel Spring Mattrasses.

I have removed to one door above John Graham Effinger's Produce Store, East Market street.

feb3 R. C. PAUL.

HARDGROVE'S

BEST CHEWING TOBACCO,

AT

JNO. GRATTAN'S,

Cheap for Cash

D. M. SWITZER & SON feel warranted in saying to their friends and the public generally that they think they have, without doubt, the very best stock of CLOTHING and HATS ever brought to this market, and that they can and WILL sell as low as any other firm, be they whom they may.

ALCOHOL, Alum, Saltpetre, Sulphur, Cream Tartar, Soda, Spices, Flavoring Extracts of all kinds, Gelatine, Baking Powders, Mamoca, Corn Starch, Rice Flour, Sea Moss Farine, &c.

Call where you will be sure to get them at the lowest prices. I can't be undersold. Respectfully,

feb1 L. H. OTT.

JUST received a large lot of English and American Grain and Grass Scythes at

may10 ROHR, SPRINKEL & CO'S.

ALADDIN COAL OIL, Castor Oil, Neatsfoot, Parafine, Fish, Lubricating and Lard Oils, and Linseed Oil, boiled and raw—very cheap.

feb1 L. H. OTT.

BELLS.—A large assortment of Kentucky Cow Bells just received at TREIBER & GASSMAN'S.

SEE the new Spring Millinery at Miss D. E. PINKUS', near Masonic Hall.

BLACKSMITH'S supplies furnished at the lowest rates at ROHR, SPRINKEL & CO'S.

IF you want reliable Ready-Made Clothing, go to D. M. SWITZER & SON.

HARDWARE.

TREIBER & GASSMAN,

DEALERS IN

Agricultural Implements!

HARDWARE,

NAILS, SPIKES, STEEL, STOVES,

Horse Shoes, &c., &c.,

SUCCESSORS TO JONES BROTHERS

—East-Market Street.—

HARRISONBURG, VA.

WE HAVE THE AGENCY FOR THE SALE OF THE CELEBRATED

KELLER DRILL,

AND

Hay and Grain Horse Rake,

manufactured by the Hagerstown (Md.) Agricultural Works, and so favorably known to the Farmers of Rockingham and adjoining counties. We have in stock a full line of

Corn Crushers, Bark Mills, Leather and Gum Belting, Plows in great variety, Emery Grinders for Reapers and Mowers and Knives, Corn Shellers and Feed Cutters, Cucumber Wood Well and Cistern Pumps, Iron and Chain Pumps, Cast Steel Shovels for Corn Plows, Harpoon and Grapple Horse Hay Forks.

☞REPAIRS ON HAND, at all times, for all the Machinery we sell. Also for the Wood Reapers and Mowers, Bradley and Shickle's Plows. A full line of

Harvesting Tools, FARM BELLS, Cider Mills, Road Scrapers, Barrel Churns, Wash Tubs, Water and Horse Buckets, Peck and Half-bushel Measures, Picks, Mattocks, Grindstones and Fixtures, Hand Corn Planters, Horse Corn Planters, Manilla and Hemp Rope, Rock and Gun Powder, Shot, Pennypacker's Horse Collars,

ALSO, A FULL LINE OF

MECHANICS' TOOLS, FARMERS and BUILDER'S HARDWARE,

WINDOW GLASS AND PUTTY,

Pocket and Table Cutlery

☞Agents for the EXCELSIOR Cook Stoves.

We are prepared to take orders for Threshers, Reapers, Mowers, and other Machinery.

☞Special agency for Rockingham and Pendleton counties of FRICK & CO 'S IMPROVED PORTABLE STEAM ENGINES, for agricultural and other purposes; also their Circular Saw Mills. Agents for the BLANCHARD PATENT CHURNS.

☞CASH paid for Bones, old Iron, Lead, Brass and Copper.

TREIBER & GASMAN.

☞Agencies solicited.

Treiber & Gassman,

GENERAL DEALERS IN

HARDWARE!

At the old stand on Main Street, opposite the Court-House, a few doors South of the Postoffice,

HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

A COMPETE LINE OF COOK STOVES.

WE are agents for the celebrated improved "EXCELSIOR" Cook Stove, warranted. This Stove is faultless, and for beauty, utility, durability and cheapness has no equal. Call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere. We have determined not to be undersold by any house in the Valley.

TREIBER & GASSMAN,

MAIN STREET.....HARRISONBURG, VA

april12tf

JUST received at TREIBER & GASSMAN'S AGRICULTURAL HOUSE, East Market street, Harrisonburg, Va:

MALTA CORN SHOVEL PLOWS.—We have on hand a large lot of these celebrated Plows, both single and double shovels.

EAGLE FARM BELL.—The best assortment of these bells ever offered in this market.

GIVE us a call and examine.

ap5-tf TREIBER & GASSMAN.

NEW GROCERY

—AND—

Commission House!

HAVING purchased the stock of John S. Lewis, I desire to announce to the public that I will, at the stand formerly occupied by him continue the business of a

FIRST-CLASS GROCER,

and will conduct in connection therewith a

COMMISSION HOUSE.

I have purchased a new stock of Coffees, Sugars, Teas, Sauces, Canvassed Hams, and Groceries of every description, which will be sold at the lowest market rates. Corn, Wheat, Flour, Oats, Rye, Mill-feed, and all kinds of country produce, bought at highest market price, sold and taken on commission.

Patronage of my friends and the public generally respectfully solicited.

aug10 P. W. STRAYER.

IF you want to see the nicest and cheapest lot of HATS to be found in this market, call on

D. M. SWITZER & SON.

REMEMBER, D. M. SWITZER & SON keep Clothing that cannot be surpassed in MAKE and QUALITY in the Valley of Virginia.

IF you want Clothing, selected by a practical man, buy it of D. M. SWITZER & SON.

OUR MOTTO: "Quick Sales and Small Profits!" D. M. SWITZER & SON.

AT the Great Central Clothing House you will find the finest Silk hat that can be bought for $5.00.

D M. SWITZER & SON.

CALL at the Great Central Clothing House and you will find a nice line of Gents' Furnishing Goods,

D. M. SWITZER & SON.

BUSINESS CARDS.

A. H. WILSON,

Saddle and Harness Maker,

HARRISONBURG, VA.,

Would respectfully say to the public that he has sold out his LIVERY business, and can now devote all his time to the manufacture and sale of all articles in his line.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!

No matter what others may tell you, who deal in second-class Northern-made goods, *do not fail to call and see we before purchasing.*

I keep on Hand and Ready For Sale

Ladies' and Gent's Saddles and Bridles, of all styles and prices; Martingales, Wagon Saddles, Farmers' Harness, Carriage and Buggy Harness, all complete; Cart Harness, Collars, Saddlery Trimmings, Blankets Whips, Saddle Girths, Brushes, &c., and as to prices and quality of goods defy competition from any source.

I warrant my work to last, and to be made of the best material. Call on me before purchasing.

☞Shop near the Lutheran Church, Main street.

dec3-tf A. H. WILSON.

THE SPRING SEASON PRESENTS NEW STYLES

—IN—

LADIES' & GENT'S BOOTS, SHOES, GAITERS, ETC.

CHARLES R. GIBBS,

FASHIONABLE BOOT and SHOE-MAKER,

OPPOSITE SHACKLETT'S CORNER,

POST OFFICE BUILDING,

Tenders his acknowledgments to the ladies and gentlemen of Harrisonburg and vicinity for the generous patronage extended to him in the past, and in endeavoring to deserve its continuance, offers **new styles for the Spring and Summer Season of 1877, in Boots, Shoes, Gaiters, etc.**

Prices reasonable. Quality first class. Patronage solicited. You are invited to call and see what I can do for you. Satisfaction assured.

Respectfully, C. R. GIBBS.

WANTED—Lumber of every description in exchange for work. Give me a call. I will trade for Lumber, Shingles, Locust Posts, ect.

ap5-tf C. R. GIBBS.

ATTENTION!

THE attention of the Farmers of Rockingham county is called to the fact that we pay the highest cash prices for

FLOUR,
WHEAT,
BACON,
OATS,
RYE,
LARD,

and can supply them with

PLASTER,

SALT, LAKE AND POTOMAC HERRING

at the lowest cash prices.

SIBERT & MOFFETT,

ap12-6m Harrisonburg, Va.

D. G. WHITMORE.

Watch-Maker and Jeweler.

I HAVE permanently located in Bridgewater, Va., where I am prepared to do all kinds of work in my line of business, neatly, promptly and to order, at very reasonable prices. I am also prepared to repair Sewing Machines, Musical Instruments, &c.

I am agent for the sale of E. Howard & Co.'s Waltham, the Elgin, Springfield, Ill., and other American Watches.

I respectfully solicit the patronage of the generous public, and ask all to test my prices and workmanship. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed in every particular [nov30-y

BEAUTIFUL AND GOOD.

A FULL ASSORTMENT OF

Watches, Jewelry, Silver & Plated Ware,

CLOCKS, &C.,

Just bought at a great bargain, and SELLING CHEAP FOR CASH, by W. H. RITENOUR.

☞WATCHES AND JEWELRY carefully REPAIRED and WARRANTED. Before having repairing done call and see me, and get my prices.

april27-tf W. H. RITENOUR.

WELDING,

BOOK DEALER,

NO. 1332 POPLAR STREET,

PHILADELPHIA.

oct5-tf

ANDREW LEWIS,

Watchmaker and Jeweler,

HAS just received a good assortment of Goods in his line; WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, &C. I would call special attention to my large assortment of

SPECTACLES,

in Gold Silver and Steel. I have also the Brazilian Pebble Spectacles. I keep a large stock of SILVER AND PLATED WARE.

I most respectfully invite the public and my friends to give me a call before purchasing, as I feel assured that I can give satisfaction both in quality and price.

☞Watches, Clocks and Jewelry repaired in the best manner and warranted. june1

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I WILL buy any amount of sumac leaves that are gathered in due time and properly cured according to the following directions and

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according to quality, as follows—delivered at my SUMAC AND BARK MILLS, Winchester, Va.

DIRECTIONS:

The Sumac should be taken *while the sap is still in the leaf*—and before it has turned much red, say as a general thing, during the latter part of June, July, August and forepart of September, but in no case after it has begun to dry up and deaden, nor after the least frost.

The *Red Berries* must *all* be thrown out. The Little Low, or slack Sumac, as it is called, is as good as any, and can be taken later, being more hardy.

It may be wilted in the sun, but must be cured *under cover*, and not allowed to be *burnt* by the sun or get *wet*, or to be in such large quantities as to *heat* in curing—*any* of which destroys its *color* and *strength* and renders it *valueless*. It should not be thrown upon a tight floor to cure, but raised up, so as to let the air get under it; and by shelving loosely, much surface can be obtained in a small space, and the Sumac will cure faster. All Sumac should be gathered at least a month before it is sufficiently cured to be brought in for sale, and in bad weather even a longer time may be required to properly dry it; for not only the leaf, but its stem too, must be thoroughly dry; so that it will snap short off, like a clay pipe stem, or it cannot be received, for it will heat and spoil—*this must be strictly observed.*

However long Sumac may have been taken or however dry it may be, it will draw the dampness from the atmosphere in a damp time, and *must not* be packed until it is perfectly dried out again. We cannot receive Sumac when damp any more than when it is green. IT MUST BE DRY.

Sumac should have the same *green, bright* color and *fresh appearance* when cured as when taken from the bush, and must not be *bleached*, nor look *dark* and *dead*, nor *smell musty*. It is just as important to have your Sumac gathered at the proper time and in good condition when brought to market as anything else.—If *sand* or *dirt* of any kind, or any other kind of leaves are found among it, it will not be bought at *any price at all*; and by mixing poor with good you spoil all.

The *LEAF* is what is wanted, but to facilitate the gathering you can strip off the blades—that is, take off the *little twigs* upon which the leaves immediately grow—or you can cut stalk and all, and when dry enough thresh it, and take out the stems being careful not to make it too fine so as to prevent the detection of adulteration.

For good bright leaves, well cured and cleaned—*that is, free from stems and all impurities.*—One Dollar and Twenty-Five Cents per hundred pounds will be paid, and others bought accordingly.

The stripping off the leaves is apt to kill the Sumac, and when the stalk dies the roots connected with it die also; therefore, we would recommend cutting the stalk close to the ground—the branches will keep the leaves apart and prevent them from heating when first gathered, and by a little threshing before the Sumac gets too dry, so as not to break up too much, the stems can be easily separated, leaving the Leaf in good condition for bagging when *thoroughly cured*; and new shoots will spring up next season, bearing more and larger leaves than the old stalk.

When your SUMAC is *all ready* for delivery, BAGS will be furnished for bringing it in; but they must be *well filled* and *promptly returned with care*. Any one getting Bags for others will be held responsible for the return of the same, and all Bags not returned will have to be paid for.

I will allow at least $1.00 per 100 lbs. for good Sumac Leaves at any Station this side of Cumberland on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. ☞Shippers should in all cases pack the bags well and sew them up securely, and put some *mark on each bag* and notify me by mail, before shipment if possible how many bags and what mark, that I may know to whom the different lots, often received in the same car, belong; and have them assorted, weighed and inspected separately when received, by having been advised beforehand by the shippers, and thus save much confusion, trouble and dissatisfaction.

I will also buy good

BLACK OAK BARK

that is properly taken and cured, and pay cash for it at the rate of $5 per Cord of 128 feet measurement, delivered at my *SUMAC AND BARK MILLS, WINCHESTER*, or $4 on cars, at any point from Martinsburg to Harrisonburg when closely piled and filled full. But the cars must be carefully and well loaded, in order to save freight.

DIRECTIONS:

Commence peeling the bark as soon as the sap starts in the Spring, and in taking it peel as much of the tree as possible—even the limbs—for the young tender bark is the best, and is lighter carting, and measures well.

The outside of the Bark *must always be kept up*, which will prevent its curling, and it must be *loosely piled*, so as to allow the air to pass freely through it, and perfectly dry it. The outer or rough side must always be kept up in order to protect the inner or fleshy side from the weather—which, being the part used, must be kept bright and not allowed to mould or get wet, which injures its color and strength.

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ALROY.

This distinguished Race Horse will make the ensuing season in Rockingham county, commencing April 1st, and ending July 1st, 1877, at Harrisonburg, Va.

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PEDIGREE:

Alroy was sired by Imported Australian. 1st dam Nelly Grey, by Lexington; 2nd dam Prithella, by Glencoe; 3rd dam by Imported Hedgeford; 4th dam by Bertrand; 5th dam by Cherokee; 6th dam by Bellair; 7th dam by Jackson's Paselot, &c., &c.

It will be observed by Turfmen that no better or more fashionable pedigree is attainable on this continent or in Europe, Australian and Lexington at present being the rival Race horse Sires of America, while the blood of Glencoe has enriched the turf pedigrees of both continents. The value of this combination is observable in the greatest racers now on the turf, or recently retired, such for instance as "Fellowcraft," "Wild Idle," "Rutherford," "